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## Veterans' Day Observed In Agawam



AS PART OF THE VETERANS' DAY observances in Agawam, local veterans' advocates were busy flagging vets' graves at the Springfield Street Cemetery in Feeding Hills on a dreary and rainy November 8th. TOP PHOTO, from left - Priscilla Peterson and her grandson, Max, Alvin Kellogg, Doris Kellogg, Ed Kellogg (Veterans' Council chairman), and Peg Brown. PHOTO BELOW - Ruth Bitzas (veterans' agent), Ken Morytko, Jay O'Sullivan (American Legion commander), John Brown, Diane Gagnon, and Harvey Gagnon. Advertiser

News photos by Jack Devine.



## Plant Foes Say Appeal Filed At Top Court

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Two days after narrowly winning the approval of the voters for Berkshire Power's proposed \$180 million, gas-fired power plant, Project Manager Kenneth Roberts said there remained only one power plant opponent with the legal standing to appeal the zoning exemption granted by the Department of Public Utilities three weeks ago.

Last week, Roberts said the company was not expecting an appeal of the DPU decision and would be holding a groundbreaking ceremony early in December. Roberts said the power plant would be on line to provide electricity for the 1999 summer peak demand.

However, at presstime, Concerned Citizens and Business of Agawam (CCBA) spokesman Karl Stieg said an appeal was being prepared on behalf of Maria & Antonio Cuccovia and would be filed in Boston on Wednesday, November 12th, the deadline for appealing the DPU decision at the Supreme Judicial Court.

The AAN could not reach Berkshire Power for a reaction to Stieg's comments.

Stieg said the appeal must be filed in the Cuccovias' names because they are the only ones with legal standing, but the CCBA remains active and involved in fighting the power plant.

"We've maintained all along that we're not doing this to delay the plant. We just don't want it. We'd be very foolish to have spent \$100,000 so far and so much time and energy if we were just trying to slow this down," Stieg said. "We knew all along it would end up at the SJC."

Stieg said he believed the CCBA could ask the DPU for a stay to prevent Berkshire Power from beginning construction of the plant during the appeal, but the group has not yet decided to go for that option.

"It would be an enormous risk for Berkshire Power to begin construction," Stieg said. "They would have to tear it down if they lose at the SJC."

Although no one can predict exactly how long an appeal at the SJC will take, it is widely believed that an appeal of the DPU decision would be placed on the "fast track" for judicial review, probably with a decision in six months to a year.

Roberts would neither confirm nor deny that the company had reached monetary settlements with the intervenors in the DPU case, but he did say, "We have satisfied the concerns of all the intervenors except for the Cuccovias."

Prior to last Tuesday's election, the remaining intervenors in the case were Joseph & Katherine Schlaffer, Susan Fay, Antonio & Maria Cuccovia, and John & Manon McCarthy.

At presstime, *The Advertiser News* has learned that the sole remaining intervenors in the case are Antonio & Maria Cuccovia.

Roberts repeated his offer to drop the company's libel suit filed against some members of the CCBA last summer if they would in turn drop their countersuits against Berkshire Power.

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"We would very much like to move forward in peace," Roberts said, "so we're extending the olive branch to the CCBA. We'd be more than pleased to withdraw if they'll withdraw."

Asked about the status of the payment in lieu-of-tax agreement scorned by the council more than a year ago, Roberts said the \$1 million offer, escalating at three percent a year, is still on the table.

"I'm optimistic that the council-elect will be able to move the community forward," Roberts said. "We look forward to working with them for the next 40 years."

Whether the tax treaty will be renegotiated to include more money for the town is "between the mayor and us," according to Roberts.

## LEGAL NOTICE

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TOWN OF AGAWAM  
AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 20, 1997 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of CDC Realty, Inc. for a Definitive Subdivision Plan of High Meadow Phase III. This proposed subdivision will be an extension of Anvil Street and Wagon Wheel Drive and will consist of 22 lots on approximately 17 acres of land.

By Order of Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman  
Agawam Planning Board

Published: November 13, 1997

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# Planning Board Moving Forward With Ordinance On Phone Towers

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Last week, the Planning Board unanimously agreed to sponsor legislation restricting wireless telecommunications towers to Provin Mountain, Riverside Park, Bondi's Island, parts of the industrial park, and the four golf courses.

Side- and roof-mounted antennas would be allowed on existing buildings anywhere in town (as long as they do not project more than 10 feet above the building or more than 10 feet above the height limit for the zoning district).

The proposal will be placed on the next Town Council agenda in order to set the date for the public hearing that must be held before the council can amend the zoning code. In the interest of saving time and staying within the four-month moratorium on cell towers, the board agreed to hold their public hearing jointly with the Town Council hearing.

The proposal was drafted by a committee consisting of Planning Director Deborah Dachos, Town Attorney Thomas Locke, Planning Board member Frank Lawlor, and Town Council President Kent Servis.

Under the terms of the draft legislation, lattice towers and structures requiring guy wires would not be permitted. When feasible, antennas will be located on existing structures including water towers, existing telecommunications facilities, utility poles and towers.

Only free-standing monopoles will be allowed in newly-created overlay zoning districts, which pinpoint specific properties rather than existing zones.

The monopoles must be the minimum height required to provide adequate service area coverage for the cell phone company, not to exceed 150 feet.

"They cannot go anywhere else, unless they're going to be placed on existing structures. Designating these overlay zoning areas doesn't

mean the cell towers will go there," Lawlor said. "It means the developers can negotiate with the property owners, who certainly have the right to say no."

Among the factors considered in choosing the overlay zoning districts were the impact on residential areas, the elevation of the land, and the prior existence of transmitting towers.

Lawlor said the committee studied ordinances from several surrounding communities, taking elements from each to develop the most appropriate model for Agawam.

## Board Members Agree With Decision...

The board members seemed to agree with the decision to allow only monopole structures rather than the more unsightly lattice towers.

"The monopole seemed to be the most popular among the surrounding communities," Ms. Dachos said. "The industry says they can use the monopoles; they don't need to use lattice structures."

Ms. Dachos said the draft legislation calls for a special permit to be issued by the Planning Board after the board and their independent consultant (hired by the town and paid by the telecommunications company) have reviewed and evaluated an extensively documented application.

The permits will be for five years, subject to routine monitoring of electromagnetic field radiation, structural inspection every five years, and removal of the structure when operations cease. Also, the site must be returned to its original state with access roads revegetated.

With the clock ticking on the four-month moratorium granted by the council last month, the board plans to hold a workshop session for councilors and councilors-elect to discuss the provisions of the draft legislation.

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## Letters To The Editor

### Pettazzoni Says "Thank You" To All Of Her Supporters

To The Editor:

I would like to thank all of the people who cast their vote for me on Election Day. I will continue to work hard for all our children and hope that the communication continues between us so that we can, together, attain that goal.

My special THANK YOU to my husband and children for their tolerance, support, and love. Without you, all my dreams and commitment to the future of Agawam would not be.

Susan Pettazzoni  
Agawam School Committee

### Rheault Expresses "Sincere Appreciation" To The Voters

To The Editor:

I wish to express my "sincere appreciation" to all those who voted for me on Election Day. After an eight-year sebatical, it was most heartwarming to again win reelection.

Having previously served on the council for 14 years, seven as council president, I feel my hands-on experience will be an asset to this new council. I look forward to working with everyone.

Hopefully, the Mayor will soon bring to the council plans to expand the library and build a new DPW facility. The need for both are "urgent." I would expect us to also implement new recreation facilities at Tuckahoe. We have spent a great deal of money to purchase this land and were told this would happen, *the time has come to fulfill those promises.*

I accept these new challenges and welcome a new direction for Agawam. As I stated during the campaign, different issues and debate of those "issues" are healthy for the town. *Petty politics do nothing toward progress and should not be tolerated.*

A special thanks to my understanding wife, Joan, and all of my family. Again, *thank you* for placing your trust in me and also to everyone who placed their signs on their lawn on my behalf.

Don Rheault  
Feeding Hills

### Skolnick Congratulates The Newly-Elected Councilors

To The Editor:

To those 3,063 voters who voted for me at the Tuesday's election for City Councilor, please accept my heartfelt thanks, and to those people who were elected, I give you my congratulations and best wishes.

It has been an honor to have served four terms as an Agawam City Councilor.

David Skolnick  
Agawam

### Playscape Committee Thanks The Chamber Of Commerce

To The Editor:

The Agawam Elementary Playscape Committee would like to thank the Agawam Chamber of Commerce for the opportunity to host the Candidate's Forum Night on October 22nd.

We very much appreciate the generous donation of \$300. We would also like to thank the parents of the four elementary PTOs who donated their time and talent with the wonderful baked goods, Aramatic Coffee Service and Nancy and Holly Brinkmann for the coffee and coffee supplies, Taylor Rental of West Springfield for the use of coffee urns, and the candidates and those who came to meet them for their personal donations.

Sincerely,  
Agawam Elementary Playscape Committee

### Galarneau Will Continue To Justify The Voters' Confidence

To The Editor:

I want to thank all the residents of Agawam and Feeding Hills who supported me on Tuesday, November 4th.

I would also like to thank my family and friends for their help and support and also to the residents who allowed me to place my signs on their lawns.

Again, thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving both the students and community. I will do my best to justify your vote of confidence.

Sincerely,  
Linda Galarneau  
Agawam School Committee

### Sekula Thanks Her Supporters During The 1997 Campaign

To The Editor:

I would like to thank all those who supported me in my run for School Committee. I sincerely appreciate all the words of encouragement, signholding, and moral support.

Most of all, I'd like to thank my husband, Gerry, for helping with the signs, babysitting, and eating a lot of McDonald's dinners and my daughters, Allyson and Denise, for being my most ardent supporters and giving up lots of "Mommy and Me" time.

Also, I'd like to offer congratulations to the School Committee and wish them much success in their new terms.

Sincerely,  
Deborah J. Sekula  
Agawam

### Pack 77 Says Thanks For Supporting Bottle Drive

To The Editor:

St. John's Cub Scout Pack 77 would like to thank everyone who helped make our October 18th bottle drive a huge success. What's more, our pack hike was Sunday, November 9th, at "The Notch."

For more information about the pack, please contact your den leader or Jay Blood at 786-5103.

Our next pack meeting will be on Wednesday, November 19th, at 6:30 p.m. at the church.

Cub Scout Pack 77 of St. John's Church

### Bitzas Appreciates The Support Of Agawam's Voters

To The Editor:

I would like to express my warmest thanks and my greatest appreciation to all of the voters of Agawam for your overwhelming support on our Election Day.

Once again, you put your trust in me and I pledge to you that I will continue to work hard with honest, dignity, cooperation, and professionalism to help make Agawam a better place to live and raise our families.

I would like to thank my family, my campaign workers, my supporters, and all my friends for all they did for me. Thank you all very much.

Sincerely,  
George Bitzas  
Agawam City Councilor

### Let's Look Back At The Weeks Leading To Election Day

To The Editor:

Now that the election is over, I think it is time to critique the weeks and months leading up to Tuesday, November 4th.

During that time, many negative "letters to the editor"/political statements were authored by candidates, their supporters, and other average citizens.

These letters, etc., were often used to impugn not only the reputations of other candidates but their positions on important issues as well. Rather than making a positive statement of the author's own opinion on issues, these statements were a disservice to the voters.

The election results show how the voters reacted to this kind of campaigning as many of the more negative candidates were rejected by the voters.

The town has had it with politicians and wannabe politicians who spend more time fighting with each other than solving the town's problems. It is impatient with politicians who never make a decision but table the most important issues in order to avoid taking a stand.

We have a chance for a new beginning with a fresh mix of incumbents, newcomers, and

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Annual meeting of "Friends" of Agawam Senior Ctr.  
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Sunday, November 16th  
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8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Monday, November 17th  
Meeting of American Legion Auxiliary (Unit 185)  
At Agawam Post, Springfield Street, Agawam  
7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 19th  
Free concert by "World War II Chorus"  
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returnees. I look forward to the day when the council can work together to form a consensus on whether or not an issue is in the best interest of our town. When this happens, the citizens of Agawam will again be proud of their representatives since the mayor's position for/against an issue will no longer be the central focus of council deliberations and the merits of a proposal will get an open and honest hearing. "And when have you seen that lately?"

However, one quote attributed to a winning candidate disturbs me at this time. The candidate was happy to have won but was feeling "melancholy" that there weren't other winners that the counselor-elect "could agree with." This doesn't sound like a quote from a future counselor we can count on to build consensus or mend fences. Maybe this was just uttered in the excitement of victory. Let's hope so.

Moving on to another issue; Berkshire Power. I am pleased that 51 percent of the voters and five out of seven districts chose to support the power plant. I realize that the vote was close, but that can't surprise anyone who has followed the rancorous debate of the last few years.

I am convinced, if the power plant had lost by the same margin, the opponents would already be calling for the plant to leave town because "it wasn't wanted." One counselor-elect is already putting a positive spin on the loss by saying that the 49 percent "no" vote will help the appeal. Again I ask, where is consensus building? Doesn't this future counselor have the **responsibility** to represent the majority of the voting public and not just the "no" votes on Berkshire Power?

I feel that each member of the council, especially one who spoke so eloquently for the referendum and the public's right to speak, must now support the decision of the voters in that same referendum.

Berkshire Power is here to stay. Let's work together to make the best deal for the Town and its citizens. I don't care if the final decision is an "In Lieu of Tax Agreement" or one based on property taxes, as long as the final compromise benefits our Town and gives us as much control as possible.

The Town Council needs to improve its image with the voters. The new council can succeed if they give each other half a chance and treat each other with respect. Before January, each counselor should review the council operating

rules and plan to enforce them without exception.

The decorum of their sessions would improve greatly, if the new council would work to make citizen's speak time a valuable means of providing information to the counselors on topics that are on or will be on the council agenda. The present chairperson and the immediate past chairperson tried to accomplish this but certain counselors often voted to allow this **privilege** to be a time of character assassination, misleading information, and/or political grandstanding.

A well thought out presentation should not take more than five minutes. If citizens wish to take advantage of this aspect of our "freedom of speech," then they must also accept the **responsibility** of properly organizing their information. Council rules are meant to protect the freedom of all citizens and not just a certain few.

Sincerely,  
Frank Meagher  
Feeding Hills

## There Is Still More Info We Need To Learn About BP

To The Editor:

We are not writing this letter to defend our position regarding the proposed Berkshire Power plant. The arguments pro and con have been dividing our town for over two years now, and we all believe our opinions have merit.

The results of the election tell us that there are at least 3,762 people that do not want the plant here. It is to these people we are writing.

We, like most of you, have sat quietly on the sidelines, letting the members of the CCBA (Concerned Citizens and Businesses of Agawam) be our voice and do our battle. The opposition has always had the power and money behind them.

We attended our first meeting of the CCBA because we needed to do whatever we could to oppose the DPU decision to exempt Berkshire Power from our town's zoning laws. We are appalled that our town will not defend itself.

There is so much information that we did not know, because it was not made public. We became aware of the valiant effort of this dedicated group to defend our friends and neighbors, and protect the laws of our town.

Through fundraising and personal financial sacrifice, they have paid exorbitant legal fees, and they still refuse to give in to the powers. They are appealing the ruling of the DPU, and con-

tinue to fight for us!!!

We are asking you all, PLEASE JOIN US! We must show strength in unity. You can join us every Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. at Maria's Pizzeria on Silver Street. Most of all, they need our help financially.

Please make confidential contributions to: CCBA, P.O. Box 825, Agawam, MA 01001.

WE ARE NEEDED NOW!!!

Sincerely,  
Andrea and Ron Wieners, Sr.  
Agawam

## The Fight Against Berkshire Power Is Far From Over

To The Editor:

As it has been said, it's all over but the shouting. I would like to thank all the voters that supported me in my campaign; it was great to hear many of your concerns about this great Town of Agawam.

It was gratifying to see how many people were against a power plant locating in our town; 3,762 voters weren't in favor of it and 1,200 other voters couldn't find the question on the machine. It showed that our citizens are against a conglomerate from Boston attempting to override our zoning laws. After spending upward of about \$75,000 to win the support of the town, they failed miserably.

I am having a problem with my electric light bill. It shows a generation charge of .028 cents per KW and Berkshire Power states that they will supply us with power at .037 cents per KW. My problem is, how will this save me money?

Check your bill. Maybe WMECO made a mistake! Berkshire Power has been spending all kinds of money trying to convince you that it's all over and that they will commence building. Don't believe it. As you read this paper, the decision of the Department of Public Utilities is being appealed. It's not over as they would have you believe.

It is now up to the 3,762-plus people who voted against this power plant to ban together and support this appeal. The CCBA holds informational meetings on Wednesday nights at Maria's Pizza on Silver Street at 7:30 p.m.

You are welcome to attend or you may send your contributions to the CCBA, P.O. Box 825, Agawam, MA. We need your help.

Peter Longo  
Agawam

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# Servis Says His Campaign Was Worthwhile Experience

## To The Editor:

Now that the election is over and the voters have made their choice, I would like to thank the many people who expressed their confidence in me with their vote.

I would also like to express my extreme gratitude to my friend and campaign manager, Joe Mineo. He worked tirelessly on my behalf, and no candidate anywhere could have found a better manager or friend!

Although we missed the mark by a small margin, I am proud of the campaign we waged. Our campaign workers were ordinary folks who don't usually get involved in politics. They were a small army of families.

Mothers, fathers, children, and young adults all pitched in, in a splendid effort! They formed the backbone of the campaign organization. Although we were not successful in this try, my wife, Peggy, and I formed many new and wonderful friendships, which in itself made the entire effort worthwhile.

In the past, Agawam politics was considered to be a full contact blood sport. I am proud of the fact that this was a clean campaign, based on the issues, and free of the personal attacks and mudslinging that had given our town a bad name previously.

As Council President, I will continue to serve the people of Agawam, and work in a cooperative fashion with Mayor Johnson, for the common good of the people of Agawam.

When my elected term expires on the last day of December, I will resume private life, but I will not sit back and watch the world go by. I will continue, as a private citizen, to be involved in the issues that affect the quality of life and well-being of the people of Agawam.

Again, I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to the voters of Agawam, and to the many people who worked so hard on my behalf.

Sincerely,  
Kent Servis  
Feeding Hills

# Some Points Were Made To BP In Agawam's Election

## To The Editor:

While the results of last week's election were disappointing, some positive points were made to Berkshire Power and its pet politicians in our town government.

First, and forever, neither that ruthless, unscrupulous invading corporation nor our terrible mayor can ever again claim that the entire community is, or ever was, behind their nefarious scheme. Half of the voters who turned out were against it, and many voters did not come to the polls on Election Day.

Second, this issue is not closed, thanks to our contrary mayor's insistence that the referendum on the infernal power plant proposal be non-binding. As previously noted, the matter is still in the courts. Also, despite their every intention of making it appear to be a done deal, we residents of Agawam can still insist on changes to benefit us, and raise the costs for Berkshire Power.

Among those changes should be an insistence that there not be any tax treaty exempting these potential townwreckers from paying their full share of commercial property taxes (this has been estimated to be up to \$7 million per year). Also, we should insist that Berkshire Power build their own water pipeline from the reservoir, rather than use our town infrastructure.

We can insist, too, on their using dry cooling technology, which their own pet experts have recommended for other projects foisted by them under other front-company names. As Berkshire Power has claimed that their project will be hidden from view by some trees and shrubbery they intend to plant, we should insist that this be so (that the buildings, smokestack, and any exhaust be only as high as such plantings).

In short, we should demand that Berkshire Power stick to the representations and promises made, and held totally accountable for them. After all, if they do not like any conditions WE impose, they do not have to be here.

No, the fight is not over. We can throw the above obstacles in the path of these reckless, indifferent corporate troublemakers, as well as any others we, the people of Agawam, can think of. We can also repudiate any deals that our conceited and apparently corrupt (YES, CORRUPT - check the dictionary definition!) mayor has made behind our backs.

Frankly, since Berkshire Power apparently has never had any qualms about lying and playing dirty tricks on our town, we should not have any reservations about taking them, as well as their pet politicians and supporters, to task.

A further note to our reprehensible mayor and the recently elected Town Council is that, again, the election was not a mandate to continue the same old back-room-dealing, unresponsive, indifferent, and ineffective government that has been practiced in Agawam for too long. Perhaps the most telling advantage for Agawam to come out of the election is that more people than ever before have been sensitized to the issues.

More of us are watching closely, and objecting to the apparently corrupt way things are proceeding in our town government. As always, we live here, and it is our lives, health, and property at stake.

WE WILL PROTECT THEM.

Sincerely,  
Rob Keenan  
Agawam

# AHS's Class Of 2000 Thanks Businesses For Their Support

## To The Editor:

The Agawam High School class of 2000 would like to thank the local businesses that helped us with our can drive last weekend, along with all those who contributed to our class fund. With their help, the can drive was a great success.

The businesses were as follows: Geissler's, Partner's, E.B.'s, and Fran's.

Sincerely,  
Class of 2000

# Stieg Thanks Supporters For Their Efforts On Election Day

## To The Editor:

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all the people who supported me and all of those who worked and held signs at the polling places for me and the team. It was a pleasure to be associated with you, and I do wish each and every one of you the best.

Although I was not successful in the City Council race, I do hope that you will continue to be involved in making Agawam the best place to live, work, and raise a family.

To all the candidates who were successful in gaining a seat on the City Council, I offer my congratulations and my best wishes.

Sincerely,  
Karl H. Stieg  
Agawam

# BP's Sole Existence Is To Make Money At Any Cost

## To The Editor:

When I read in the *Union News* that 3,937 voters said yes to the Berkshire Power referendum question, I asked myself how could that possibly be?

Who would want to see a power plant with a giant smoke stack with bellowing smoke spewing above Agawam? Who wouldn't care about declining property values and increased water consumption which will create water bans during the blistering summer heat? Who would want to see this eyesore?

Then I answered myself! I thought, maybe most of the supporters of the mayor would vote yes. Perhaps people living in Feeding Hills would vote "yes" because the plant wouldn't be in their neighborhood and it would generate tax revenue.

Some people might vote yes if they have hopes of working for Berkshire Power or if they own a local business and are looking for a temporary or long-term sales increase. The rest of us voted "NO" simply because this is not the type of business we want next door. You see, there is a personal agenda behind every vote.

Just remember, Berkshire Power doesn't care about any one of us in Agawam. Its sole existence is to make money at any cost. Someday, when you look at that new skyward chimney stack, you might be able to read the smoke signals that say, "Thanks Suckers!"

Sincerely,  
Robert Twarkins  
Agawam

# Some Thoughts On The Election Of 1997

## To The Editor:

Another election came and went, so much like leaves on unsuspecting trees. The same Mayor, and School Committee, but a few new Council faces. How much of the old will the new erase, or shall we guess what the pace is? No matter what, no matter how, the voters have raised our voices, now we must all live with our choices!

At this time, I would like to congratulate all the brave and wonderful citizens who ran for public office. I tip my hat to anyone who gives back to their community. I commend those whose cup is always half-full, for they will always be the beacon that guides our town through the river of chance and compromise, and not the anchor that has tied us down.

We should all unite for the betterment of Agawam, for the continued success of our

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## Veterans' Corner...

## Legislative Update

by Ruth C. Bitzas  
Veterans' Agent

On Wednesday, November 5th, I received a telephone call from the Governor's office informing me that at 1:30 p.m. the Governor would be signing into law Senate 1620, which provides for a "WAIVER OF STATE TAX ON MILITARY RETIRED PAY." The benefit is retroactive to January 1, 1997. Until now, Massachusetts has been the only state in the Union that has taxed military retirees' pay and not state retirees' pay.

In June, in response to a request from the Legislature for an opinion on the legality of the state taxing military retirees' pay, the Commonwealth's Supreme Judicial Court unanimously concurred that the nature of military service which "can involve unanticipated changes in assignment, frequent relocation, separation from one's family, limitations on basic rights and liberties and unpredictable risks of bodily harm" is in itself a contribution justifying the same treatment given to state retirees in the matter of waiving taxation of retired pay.

THANK YOU TO THE MASSACHUSETTS VETERANS' AGENTS ASSOCIATION AND THE 27 VETERANS' SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS AND THE SUPPORT OF SENATOR MELCONIAN AND REP. DAN KEENAN AND ALL OF THE VETERANS WHO, EARLIER THIS YEAR, JOINED WITH US TO ATTEND A LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS COMMITTEE MEETING IN THE SPRINGFIELD CITY HALL, WHERE ALL OF OUR TESTIMONY WAS HEARD IN SUPPORT OF THE ISSUE AND REPORTED TO THE REST OF THE LEGISLATIVE BODY IN BOSTON.

Also passed was a piece of legislation that will provide GOLD STAR PARENTS with a \$1,500 Annual Annuity effective July 1, 1998. Gold star parents are those individuals who have lost a son or daughter killed in action or died of war injuries.

The exact clarification of who is eligible for this benefit lies with the State Dept. of Veterans' Services and has not been determined, nor has the mode of application as yet. WE WILL REPORT FURTHER ON THIS AS SOON AS WE HEAR FROM THE STATE HOUSE.

On Thursday, November 13th (presstime), I will be attending an Executive Board Meeting of the Massachusetts Veterans' Service Agents Association, and will be updated on the status of some of our other pending legislation. More updates next week!

Questions regarding veterans' benefits? Call Veterans' Services, Agawam Town Hall, at 786-0400, ext. 236 or 237.

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children, and for the promise of a bright tomorrow. Look ahead, people, look both ways, and always remember — if you're not part of the solution, you are part of the problem.

Also, I'd like to thank the person responsible for making me a write-in candidate for School Committee. Your support is truly appreciated after all this time.

I'm sorry Debbie Sekula didn't get elected. Don't lose the faith, Deb!

Debra S. Curtis  
AgawamRegular Council  
Mtg. Agenda For  
Mon., November 17th

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 11/5/97
5. Declaration from Council President.
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances  
None.
7. Report of Council Committees
8. Elections  
None.
9. Public Hearings  
None.
10. Old Business  
(a)
  1. TOR-97-12-An Ordinance to Amend Sec. 49-7 of Ch. 49 of the Code of the Town of Agawam (Basketball Officials)(Mayor)(1st Reading).
  2. TO-97-12-Application for License for two (2) automatic amusement devices for R.L.Z., Inc. - 11 So. End Bridge Circle (Tabled on 3/3/97 - Left on table 3/17/97, 4/7/97, 5/5/97, 6/2/97, 6/19/97, 7/7/97, 8/4/97, 9/2/97, 9/15/97, 10/8/97, 10/20/97 & 11/5/97).
  3. TO-97-18-Application for License for two (2) automatic amusement devices for Elbow Ray-Mor, Inc. - 386 Walnut St. Ext., Agawam, MA (Tabled on 3/3/97 - Left on table 3/17/97, 4/7/97, 4/22/97, 5/5/97, 5/19/97, 6/2/97, 6/16/97, 7/7/97, 8/4/97, 9/2/97, 9/16/97, 10/8/97, 10/20/97 & 11/5/97).
  4. TO-97-58-Approval of Class I & II Dealer Licenses for 1998 (Coun. Bitzas).

## Thanks, By George...



TOWN COUNCILOR GEORGE BITZAS was again out holding signs last week - this time to thank the people of Agawam for returning him to the council for another term.

State Representative Daniel Keenan Joins  
In Signing Of Veterans' Tax Exemption Law

Last week, State Representative Daniel F. Keenan joined Governor A. Paul Cellucci as he signed legislation to exempt veterans' pensions from the state's personal income tax into law.

The new law exempts the pensions of more than 21,000 Massachusetts military retirees from the state income tax beginning in tax year 1997. This will result in an extra \$857 for each veteran, based on an average pension of \$14,400.

"Today's tax cut is just one way we can thank the thousands of men and women who made sacrifices to protect us and who have helped secure a safe future for generations to come," said Cellucci.

Keenan was a member of the special committee which drafted the law eliminating the tax on

veterans' pensions. The committee, which was appointed to research the financial and social impacts of eliminating the tax, conducted public hearings around the state including a hearing in Springfield chaired by Keenan. Based on recommendations from the committee, legislation was drafted to correct this injustice and properly honor veterans in Massachusetts.

"This legislation is long overdue. It will not only improve the quality of our veterans' lives financially, but will also recognize the sacrifices they made for our country," Keenan said.

Keenan concluded that until this legislation was signed into law, Massachusetts was the only state in the United States that taxed the pensions of retired military personnel.

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# Keenan Says State Sending Town \$13,000 In DARE Funding

Representative Daniel F. Keenan joined Public Safety Secretary Kathleen O'Toole, State Police Colonel Reed Hillman and public safety representatives to speak last Friday, November 7th at a presentation ceremony, held at the Gateway Regional Middle School in Huntington, that awarded \$4.3 million in DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program grants to state and local police DARE programs.

Twenty-seven cities and towns in the Greater Springfield district received DARE grants at the statewide ceremony, including \$13,000 for Agawam, and \$12,900 for Southwick.

The ceremony highlighted the State Police DARE Program by recognizing the Russell State Police Barracks DARE program. The Russell State Police barracks service 11 surrounding towns, including the Gateway and Granville School Systems. The ceremony also featured discussions of DARE and drug resistance experiences by fifth grade DARE students. In his remarks, Rep. Keenan pointed to the importance of DARE to teach children about the dangers of substance abuse.

"We are here today because you, the children of Massachusetts, are important," Keenan told those in attendance.

In cooperation with local school districts, DARE officers present a formal weekly curriculum to students for 17 weeks. The FY 1998 grants will provide funding for classroom materials and for the DARE officers in each community. This year's DARE programs emphasize additional training for DARE officers, media literacy, and conflict resolution skills.

With this grant award, 291 communities will have implemented the DARE program, and more than 812 officers have been trained to present the DARE curriculum. Massachusetts has been funding DARE since 1993.

# Rep. Keenan Holds Annual Family Dinner



ON HAND AT STATE REP. DAN KEENAN'S Annual Family Supper at the Polish American Club on October 29th were (top photo) Phil Vecchiarelli (left), and School Committee member & Mrs. Louis Massoia and their grandchildren and daughter-in-law. IN PHOTO BELOW, some of the kitchen volunteers for Dan Keenan were Bill Farwell, Dick DiLullo, Bob DeForge, and Jim Crean. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



EVA NASCEMBENI (left) and ERNESTINE BOOK were two more of Dan Keenan's volunteers at his Annual Family Supper on October 29th at the Polish American Club. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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## Agawam Obituaries

### Louis J. Laferriere

Louis J. Laferriere, 72, of 1b Mansion Woods, Agawam, a printer for many years, died at home. He worked at Allied Business Forms in Manchester, CT, Hano Printing Co. in Springfield, and at the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield. He retired in September.

Born in Holyoke, he was a Navy veteran of World War II. He served on merchant ships in the Atlantic European, and Mediterranean theaters, and aboard Acorn-54 in the Pacific theater.

He moved to Agawam eight years ago.

He was a cook for the Loaves and Fishes Pantry, and a eucharistic minister to homebound parishioners of St. John the Evangelist Church.

He leaves his wife, the former Sheila O'Shaughnessy; a son, Raymond of Springfield; two daughters, Christine Mattson of Agawam and Lynne Chamberlain of Rocky Mount, North Carolina; a stepson, William Stachowicz of Chicopee; two stepdaughters, Maureen Moran of Westfield and Kathleen Forest of Sandwich; a brother, Joseph of Orlando, Florida; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home and the church, with the burial at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pioneer Valley Hospice, 50 Maple Street, Springfield, MA 01105, or Seeds of Hope, P.O. Box 81015, Springfield, MA 01138.

### Margaret M. Manseau

Margaret M. (Tarasavitch) Manseau, 81, of 238 Elm Street, Agawam, an 18-year employee of Pioneer Plastics, died at home.

She retired in 1980.

She worked previously for the former H.L. Hardy Co. in Chicopee.

Born and schooled in Enfield, she lived in Springfield before moving to Agawam in 1948.

She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church.

Her husband, Robert M. Manseau, died in 1974.

She leaves a son and his wife, Robert E.P. and Laima Manseau of Agawam, and two granddaughters, Heather Manseau of Agawam and Kimberly Hannah of East Longmeadow.

The funeral was held at Agawam Funeral Home and the church, with the burial in Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice Life Care, 330 Whitney Avenue, Holyoke, MA 01040.

### Oliver L. Brassard

Oliver L. Brassard, 63, of Cooper Street, Agawam, a vocational education teacher at Chicopee Comprehensive High School, died in a local nursing home.

He also worked at the former American Bosch Co., Springfield.

A lifelong resident of Chicopee, he was a graduate of Cathedral High School, Springfield, and received his degree in education from Westfield State College.

He was an Army veteran of the Vietnam War.

He leaves a son, Oliver B. Brassard of Northfield; a daughter, Janet E. Brassard of Springfield; and a sister, Annette Mayou of Ludlow.

The funeral was held at Corridan Funeral Home and in Holy Name Church, with burial in Calvary Cemetery, all in Chicopee.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriner's Hospital for Children, 516 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

### Kenneth E. Leech

Kenneth E. Leech, 68, of 2 Sutton Place, Agawam, the 20-year administration controller for General Housewares Corp.'s Colonial Candle of Cape Cod Division, died at home.

He retired in 1991.

He also worked for Monsanto Chemical Co.

Born in Waterloo, Iowa, he was a 1949 graduate of Des Moines High School. He received a bachelor of science degree in 1956, and a master's in business administration in 1965, both from American International College in Springfield.

He was a Korean War Navy veteran, and served aboard the fleet tug, USS Lippon. He also commanded a landing craft.

He leaves three daughters, Cheryl L. Babineau of Enfield, Kendra S. Punderson of East Longmeadow, and Liat D. Picard of Enfield; and five grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Leete-Stevens Enfield Chapels, with the burial at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association, 45 Ash Street, East Hartford, CT 06108.

### Catherine M. O'Connor

Catherine M. O'Connor, 90, of Yorktown, Virginia, and a former resident of Agawam, died at home.

Born in Clare, Ireland, she spent most of her life in Agawam before moving to Virginia in 1996.

She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Agawam.

Her husband, John O'Connor, predeceased her.

She leaves two daughters, Mary M. Garrett of Yorktown and Kathleen O'Connor of St. Augustine, Florida; a sister, Mary Maloney of Greenwich, Connecticut; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at the church in Agawam, with the burial at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Springfield. Sampson's Chapel of the Acres Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Africa, 172 Foster Street, Box 35095, Brighton, MA 02135.

### Mary E. Payne

Mary E. (Rogers) Payne, 92, of 136 Main Street, Agawam, died in a local nursing home.

She was a 25-year business teacher at Waterford, CT, High School, and retired in 1985.

Born in Lawrence, she was a 1924 graduate of Haverhill High School and the Keene, New Hampshire, Teachers College.

She also was graduated from the Salem Teachers College and Boston University.

She lived in New London, CT, before moving to Agawam in 1976.

Her husband, Morris B. Payne, died in 1961.

She leaves a son, Edward J. Collins of Deerfield, Illinois; a grandson, Edward J. Collins III of Chicago, Illinois; and a friend, James R. Hirschberg of Agawam.

A private burial was held at Linwood Cemetery in Haverhill, and Agawam Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

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## OBITUARIES - from Page 9...

**Leona S. Owens**

Leona S. (Arnold) Owens, 82, formerly of Agawam, died in Midland, Michigan.

She was a secretary and bookkeeper for many years at American Insulation Co. of Springfield, MA.

Born in Boston, she was a graduate of Brighton High School and the Katherine Gibbs School.

She served with the American Red Cross in the European theater during World War II, and was attached to the 82nd Airborne ("All-American") Division in 1944-45.

Her husband, Paul T. Owens, pre-deceased her. She leaves a son, Ted of Needham, MA; a daughter, Linda E. Frauson of Midland, Michigan; and five grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Eaton Funeral Home and St. Joseph's Church, both in Needham, MA. The burial was in Fountain Hill Cemetery in Deep River, Connecticut.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 20 Speen Street, Framingham, MA 01701.

**Ida D. Ulise**

Ida D. (Resnick) Ulise, 84, of Boca Raton, Florida, and a former Springfield, MA, and Agawam resident, died in a Florida nursing home.

She was a longtime secretary to Dr. Jack Resnick, and retired in 1982.

Born in New York City, she lived in Springfield and Agawam for many years before moving to Florida in 1987.

She was a former member of the Beth Israel Synagogue in Longmeadow, and the Springfield Jewish Community Center.

She also was a volunteer for the American Cancer Society.

Her husband, Morris Ulise, died in 1979.

She leaves two sons, Stephen of Boca Raton and Frederick of Northridge, California; a brother, Leo of Mapleshade, New Jersey; a sister, Lillian Lerman of Longmeadow; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Harold R. Ascher & Son Memorial Chapel of Springfield, with burial at Beth El Cemetery in West Springfield.

A memorial observance was held at the 177 Kenmore Drive, Longmeadow home of Lillian Lerman.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Congregation Beth Israel, 1280 Williams Street, Longmeadow, MA 01106.

**Gerald C. Girard**

Gerald Conrad Girard, 73, of 967 Utica Street, Deltona, Florida, died at home.

He was a retired mason contractor, and specialized in fireplaces.

Born in Springfield, MA, he lived in Agawam before moving south in 1978.

He was a World War II Navy veteran of the Submarine Service.

He was a communicant of Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, and a former Elk.

He leaves his wife, Alma R. Girard of Deltona; two sons, Gerald C. Jr. of Deltona and John R. of Oviedo; a daughter, Linda J. Piccin of Agawam; two sisters, Doris Lally and Geraldine Goodwin of West Springfield; and nine grandchildren.

The funeral was held at the church, with the burial at Deltona Memorial Gardens in Orange City. Deltona Memorial Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the National Parkinson's Disease Foundation, 1501 Northwest Ninth Avenue, Miami, Florida 33136, or the Volusia-Flagler Hospice, 3800 Woodbriar Trail, Port Orange, Florida 32019.

**Helen M. Kilty**

Helen M. (MacLaughlin) Kilty, 94, of Wellesley and formerly of Longmeadow, died at Newton-Wellesley Hospital.

She taught in the Bloomfield, CT, and Enfield schools.

Born in East Granby, CT, she was a graduate of St. Joseph's Academy in West Hartford, and a 1920 graduate of New Britain, CT, State College.

She was a charter member and past president of the Catholic Women's Club in Agawam, and the choir director and organist at St. John the Evangelist Church in Agawam.

She was a past president of the Radio Council of Springfield, and belonged to the Woodland Golf Club.

Her husband, Raymond E. Kilty, died in 1976. She leaves a daughter, Janet H. Martin of South Natick.

The funeral was held at George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home and St. James the Great Church, with the burial in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. James the Great Church, 900 Worcester Street, Wellesley, MA 02181.

**Audrey M. Turgeon**

Audrey M. (Fisher) Turgeon, 54, of Agawam died at home.

She worked at Bradley International Airport in Windsor Locks, CT, for 10 years.

Born in Plattsburgh, New York, she lived in Agawam for 27 years.

She leaves her mother, Mildred (Begor) Fisher of Agawam; a brother, Carl Fisher of Westfield; and a niece and nephew.

The funeral was held at Starzyk Funeral Home and St. John the Evangelist Church, with the burial at St. Thomas Cemetery in West Springfield.

**Claire M. Fimbel**

Claire M. (Morin) Fimbel, 70, of 333 Hampden Street, Chicopee, died in an Agawam nursing home.

Born in Chicopee, she lived in that city most of her life, and in Holyoke for 10 years.

She was a communicant of the Assumption Church.

Her husband, Edward C. Fimbel, died in January.

She leaves two brothers, Raymond and Arthur of Springfield; two sisters, Margaret Mascaro of Agawam and Janet Lemieux of Chicopee; and nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held at Grise Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Calvary Cemetery.

**Marion E. Behan**

Marion E. Behan, 80, of Springfield, died at an Agawam nursing home.

She was a longtime clerk in the Springfield city assessor's office, and retired in 1982.

Born in Springfield, she was a communicant of Our Lady of Hope Church, and a lifelong resident.

She leaves several cousins, including Grace Burke and Helena Melaney of Springfield, and Elizabeth Cronan of West Springfield.

The funeral was held at Corridan Funeral Home of Chicopee and the church, with the burial in St. Michael's Cemetery.

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# Melconian Hails Convention Bill As Big Plus For Entire Region

Senate Assistant Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian triumphantly announced Thursday, November 6th Senate and House passage of comprehensive convention center legislation, which includes over \$73 million in funding for renovation, expansion, and construction at the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame and Springfield Civic Center.

"This is a proud and historic day for the citizens of Springfield, Hampden County, and the entire Western Massachusetts region," Melconian said. "For the past several years, I have stood firm in my resolve to see these projects through the Legislature. Together, our steadfastness, our tenacity, and perseverance have paid great dividends for Springfield and the entire Pioneer Valley. Our day is here!"

Although the legislation has been enacted in both the Senate and the House, a veto is expected from Governor Cellucci. The vote margins in both branches are large enough to override an executive veto. Melconian expects the legislation to become law before the end of the session on November 19th.

The convention center plan will allocate \$25 million for the Basketball Hall of Fame. The Hall, which is one of only three major sports hall of fames in the U.S., plans to upgrade and expand its facilities with the expectation of increased attendance and exposure from all across the country.

Agreements with the NBA (which has announced a major financial and marketing commitment to the Naismith Hall) and other basketball organizations will enable the Hall of Fame to improve its marketing plan and exhibits, as well as begin additional cooperative ventures that should capitalize on the ever-increasing popularity of basketball worldwide. The Hall of Fame expansion is the cornerstone of a \$100 million riverfront revitalization plan.

"I envision a Basketball Hall of Fame that attracts visitors from all over North America," Melconian said. "Once word gets out about the new and improved landmark in Springfield, people will come, not only to the Hall, but to our region, including the Berkshires."

In addition to the Basketball Hall of Fame funding, \$48.5 million will be allocated to transform the Springfield Civic Center into a viable, regional convention facility. During this legislative session, Melconian has maintained her long-standing insistence that any convention center bill containing funding for a Boston Convention Center, must also provide for one in Springfield.

"I have always believed that Boston, Springfield, and Worcester convention projects would never be separated; it would be either all or none. I would never allow our area to be left behind," Melconian said.

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"CO poisoning is a problem that causes hundreds of deaths and thousands of injuries each year," said Chief David Pisano of the Agawam Fire Department. "This tasteless, odorless gas can cause severe brain damage and death without warning."

"If CO alarms are installed where they can be heard day or night, consumers will be alerted in time to reach fresh air and find the hazard before it can harm them," continued Chief Pisano. "The most important place for a CO alarm is near the bedroom area where it can be heard by sleeping occupants. If the CO alarm near the bedroom may not be heard during the day or in other parts of the home, then consumers should consider installing additional CO alarms in those areas as well."

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For further information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

#### TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1997, at 6:30 P.M. for all parties interested in the appeal of DOCTOR JOHN E. GUNTLY, who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Sec-

tion 180-12 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the creation of an "Animal Hospital" at the premises identified as: 59-65 MILL STREET.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

Ronald A. Hebert  
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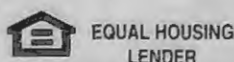
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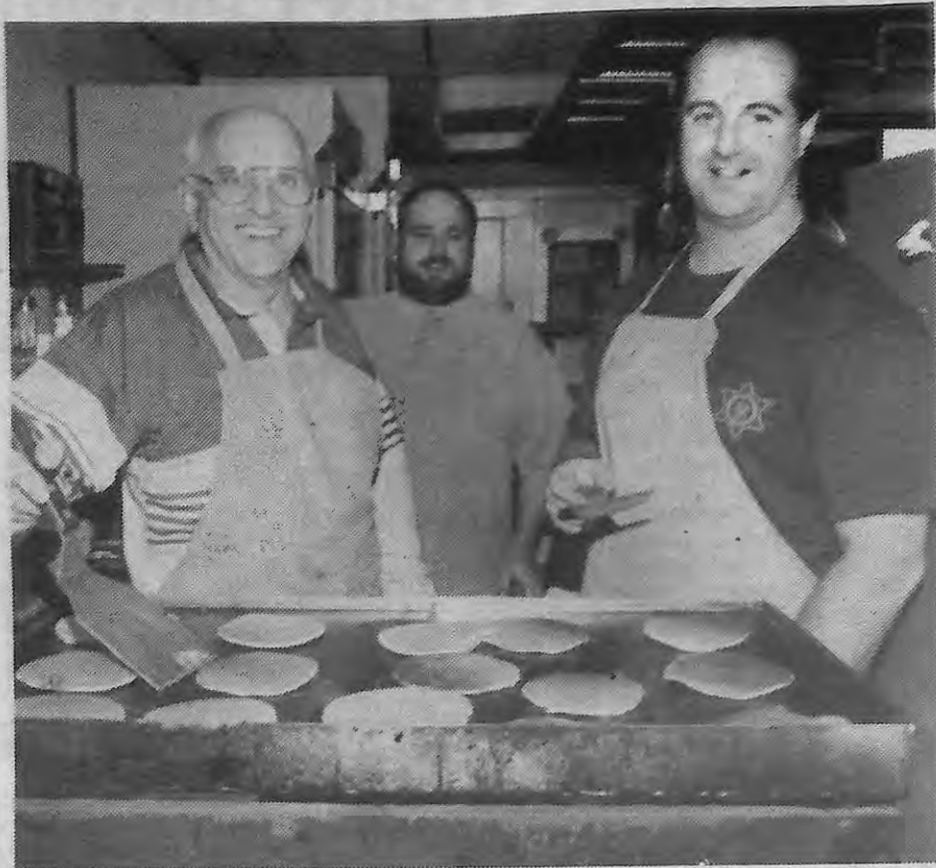
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## CCBA Says, "It's Not Over 'Til It's Over" For Power Plant Issue

The Concerned Citizens and Businesses of Agawam (CCBA) is now in the process of filing a notice of appeal to the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) of their decision to grant Berkshire Power Development, Inc. (BP) an exemption from the zoning by-laws of Agawam.

The appeal must be reviewed by the DPU first. If the DPU upholds their decision, the appeal will be sent to the Supreme Judicial Court. The CCBA will follow this process to its conclusion with the same goal it always had — that is, to prevent BP from building their power plant in Agawam.

The CCBA is very pleased and encouraged by the support and vote against the power plant that it received. No longer can it be said that only a handful of people oppose it, but in fact we believe that the NO vote figures indicate a majority of the townspeople oppose BP.

Berkshire Power spent up to \$75,000 to promote the passage of the question. They had their employees manage the mayor's campaign and coordinate with BP's project manager, Ken Roberts. The Union signholders were paid and most were not town residents, and some not even from Massachusetts.

Berkshire Power hired a high-priced public relations consultant to run full-page newspaper ads in *The AAN* and the *Springfield Union News*, ran around-the-clock radio ads, as well as having paid for three polls to be conducted, mailed fliers and promo letters to each household ... all for a question that BP and the mayor said had no meaning and was non-binding.

In essence, BP tried to buy the soul of Agawam with money and failed. The CCBA didn't spend a penny on the question.

Because of this vote, the CCBA is gaining momentum and wishes to remind everyone that IT'S NOT OVER. There are two court cases left to be settled, and if you believe as strongly as we do that the power plant is not right for Agawam, NOW is the time to give us your support in way of a confidential contribution and joining your friends and neighbors each Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. at Maria's Pizza, 605 Silver Street.

If you cannot attend and wish to contribute, please make checks to: CCBA, P.O. Box 825, Agawam, MA 01001.

THE AGAWAM SALT COUNCIL is a community policing initiative bringing the elderly, law enforcement, and human service providers providers to work together to prevent crime and promote safety. The Agawam group held a pancake breakfast recently at the Senior Center to further promote their good work. IN TOP LEFT PHOTO are Paul Sheehan, Lauren Werman, Nancy Albert, Oliver Muldrew, and Sgt. Randy Mead (Hampden County Sheriff's Dept.). IN PHOTO RIGHT - Joe Curran, Pete Mathes, and Paul Sheehan were the kitchen volunteers. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MUNCHING OUT on their pancake and sausage breakfasts sponsored by the Agawam S.A.L.T. Council at the Agawam Senior Center are four year-old Matthew Rushby and two year-old Gabrielle Spear. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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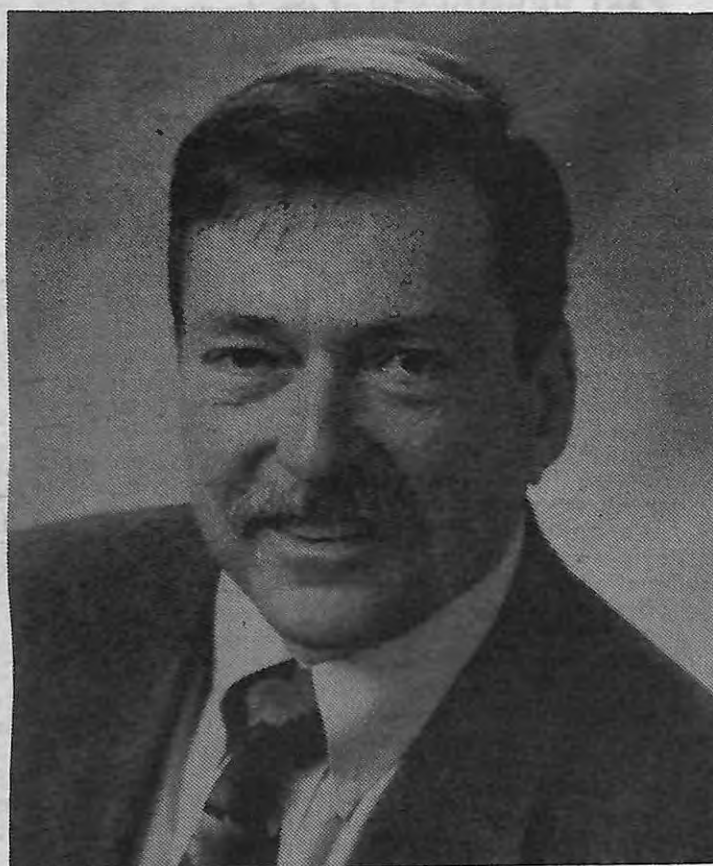


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## Families

### Agawam Lioness Honor Past Presidents At November Meeting

The Agawam Lioness Club honored their past presidents at the November club meeting held at Partners Restaurant in Feeding Hills. Seventeen of 29 former presidents were in attendance.

The Club began in 1956 as a small group of Lions' wives, united to help their husbands with many of their worthwhile projects. Forty years later, the club has grown to more than 55 members, enjoying friendship, fellowship, and a desire to support and contribute to many community organizations and projects.

Club meetings are held the first Monday of every month, from October until May, except for January. Anyone interested in becoming a part of this active organization can contact the Membership Chairperson at 786-6440.

### Agawam Residents Invited To Attend WS Turkey Day Dinner

The West Springfield Parish and Interfaith Association is again welcoming all Agawam residents to participate in the Community Thanksgiving Dinner. The free dinner will be held on Thursday, November 27th, from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. at Mittleague United Methodist Church in West Springfield.

Many volunteers prepare and serve the meal, which is open to anyone who would like a delicious dinner on Thanksgiving. Meals are also delivered to on-duty police and persons with family members in the hospital as well as those whose families are out of the area.

The event has grown from 120 meals in 1982 to 950 meals in 1996. The joy of sharing with others far outweighs the tremendous amount of work involving many volunteers. This is the fourth year that Agawam has participated.

Meals are offered without charge. We rely solely on the contributions of money, food, and volunteers. We hope Agawam will help this wonderful project be a great success.

If you would like a dinner delivered to your home, would like to make a contribution, volunteer to help the day before Thanksgiving peeling vegetables, etc., deliver dinners, or wait tables, please call Carol Treganowan, Agawam Coordinator, at 786-1912.

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PAST PRESIDENTS of the Agawam Lioness Club were honored at the club's November meeting. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### World War II Era Concert Set For November 19th At Agawam High

After several months of practice sessions, the adult chorus formed to highlight the songs of the World War II era has grown to 40 members, and they are ready to present the free evening program at the Senior High School auditorium on Wednesday evening, November 19th, at 7:00 p.m.

The Concert is one of the highlights of the Intergenerational Program for senior citizens and Agawam High School students and welcomes general public attendance.

Joining them for the concert, which will include "sing-a-long" portions for the audience, will be members of the Middle School chorus under the direction of Mrs. Meredith Quitno, members of the Junior High Chorus under the direction of Ms. Susan Brown, and the Senior High School Show Choir under the direction of Mr. Stephen Files.

Also joining the program as the Pit Orchestra for the Concert, and provide instrumental accompaniment for the choral groups.

The program includes some 30 songs of the World War II era and features a number of soloists who will present some of the "Hit Parade" ballads of those years, including "You'll Never Know," "Sentimental Journey," "As Time Goes By," and "I'll Be Seeing You."

The Chorus numbers all portray various elements of life on the "home front" or "in the service" and include "Any Bonds Today," "Arms For The Love Of America," "Goodbye Dear, I'll Be Back In A Year," "The Whiffenpoof Song," "This

Is The Army Mr. Jones," "\$21 A Day, Once A Month," "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy Of Company B," "I Left My Heart At The Stage Door Canteen," "Don't Sit Under The Apple Tree," "Coming In On A Wing And A Prayer," "Praise The Lord And Pass The Ammunition," "When The Lights Go On Again," "Don't Fence Me In," "I'll Be With You In Apple Blossom Time," "Blue Skies," "String Of Pearls," "The White Cliffs Of Dover," "In My Arms," "Johnny Zero," "The Victory Polka," "This Is Worth Fighting For," "This Is My Country," and "God Bless America."

#### \*\*\*\*\* VICTORY DANCE \*\*\*\*\*

Friday, November 21st — 7:00 To 10:00 P.M.

On Friday evening, November 21st, the final event of World War II Week will be the "Canteen Hop"/Victory Dance in the Senior High School Cafeteria by the Senior High School Jazz Band, directed by Ms. Tamara Watson and supported by alumni members and town instrumentalists who wish to "sit in" for an evening of dancing or just enjoying the music of the "Big Band Era."

The Victory Dance is also open to the public with free admission and refreshments served at 1940's prices.

The Intergenerational Program at the Senior High School has been organized by Mrs. Bernadette Conte and features classroom visits by senior citizens all during the week of November 17th-21st.

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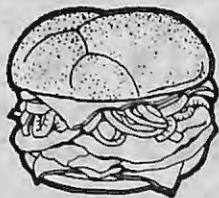
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(AHS Classroom Visits, November 17th-21st)  
Songs of the War Years - Chorus Concert,  
Wednesday, November 19th  
Victory Dance - Friday, November 21st*

1944

World War II continued, and D-Day (June 6th) arrived. The carefully planned invasion of German-held western Europe was successfully carried out in Normandy and in southern France (in August), and broke (November 25th) the supposedly impregnable Siegfried Line of the German defense west of the Rhine.

Congress approved the appointment of the first five-star generals (Aronold, Eisenhower, MacArthur, and Marshall) and the first five-star admirals (King, Leahy, and Nimitz).

The national debt was \$260,000,000,000 when President Roosevelt affixed his signature to the bill setting that limit.

Representatives of 44 Allied nations met at Mount Washington Hotel, Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, and set up the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, known as the World Bank.

1945

President Roosevelt began his fourth term. He served only 96 days. Vice-President Harry Truman was inaugurated the 33rd President.

World War II entered its last year. The American invasion of the Philippines began, leading to the recapture (March 2nd) of the Islands. Gen. George Patton's American Third Army invaded Germany (January 27th) and crossed the Rhine.

Marines landed in Iwo Jima and suffered heavy losses in the capture of this important air base. (In 34 days of fighting, there were 20,196 casualties, of which 4,305 were killed.)

American planes — more than 1,000 of them — began nightly bombings of Berlin, and Allied planes dropped 12,400 explosives and 650,000 fire bombs on the city.

Russian forces advancing from the East captured the Reichstag building of the German government in Berlin. That same day, Hitler committed suicide in a bunker of the ruined structure. Totally defeated, Germany capitulated (May 6th) and signed the articles of surrender in Berlin.

Meanwhile in the Far East, ready to begin the actual invasion of the Japanese homeland, waited the largest armed fleet ever assembled in any waters. Its power of destruction was never unleashed — a greater weapon had been discovered.

A long and costly research project by American and British scientists to solve the secret of atomic fission achieved its aim when an experimental atomic bomb was successfully exploded (July 16th). One bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, Japan, completely wiping out the city; five days later, a second destroyed Nagasaki.

Japan sued for peace and surrendered (September 1st). American forces occupied Korea, and General Douglas MacArthur became the military governor of Japan.

## West Springfield Grange No. 147 To Hold "Sweater Sale"

West Springfield Grange No. 147 will hold its annual "Sweater Sale" on Saturday, November 22nd, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Grange Hall (corner of Lathrop and Garden Streets, West Springfield).

The sweaters are from Fredrick's Mills, and there will also be cranberries and a bake sale.



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## Ag. Women's Club To Meet Nov. 24th At Leonard House

The Agawam Women's Club will meet next on Monday, November 24th at the Captain Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam.

The Irish Clog Dancers will be the featured guests.

For further information, call 786-1473 or 786-3091.

## Skate & Ski Sale By Longmeadow Lions

The Longmeadow Lions Club Skate and Ski Sale will be held Friday, December 5th from 6:00-9:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 6th from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the Longmeadow Community House, Longmeadow Street.

## Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, November 17th:** Beef stew, tossed salad, buttermilk biscuits, pineapple chunks, grape juice.

**Tuesday, November 18th:** Chicken tenders with sauce, French fries, broccoli and cauliflower, sourdough bread, mixed fruit.

**Wednesday, November 19th:** "Joanna's lasagna," spinach salad, garlic bread, ice cream.

**Thursday, November 20th:** BBQ ribs, candied yams, mixed vegetables, whole wheat bread, fresh pears.

**Friday, November 21st:** Thanksgiving celebration with "the works!" and pumpkin pie.

## Attention:

### Area Business Owners And Residents

Early in October, a violent explosion leveled the building of Porth's Precision Automotive on 8 Washington Street Extension, Agawam. Miraculously the owners, Bodo and Uwe Porth, escaped. Both suffered serious burns, resulting in extended hospitalization and expenses.

### A Benefit Evening is being held Saturday, November 22, 1997 at the Polish American Club of Agawam, Route 57, Feeding Hills.

A donation of \$25.00 includes food, beer, and D.J. Door prizes and raffles will also be held throughout the evening. The time is 5:00 p.m. until ???

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For more information or raffle prize donations,  
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## Playscape Committee To Hold Auction At Oak Ridge Golf Club

Plans are under way for the Agawam Elementary Playscape Committee's **Product and Service Auction** to be held Saturday, November 22nd, at Oak Ridge Country Club, with the Preview at 5:00 p.m., and the Auction at 6:00 p.m.

The community support has been tremendous; over 300 items have been donated by local businesses and organizations for the auction. Items include gift certificates for restaurants, hair salons, automobile care, dance lessons, travel, gas, entertainment and more, household items, tickets for sporting events, Beanie Babies, games, clothing, and much, much more.

Oak Ridge Country Club has generously donated the use of their facility for this event. Admission will be free; a snack will be served and a cash bar will be available.

All proceeds from the auction will benefit the Agawam Elementary Playscape Committee (AEPC). AEPC includes seven members representing the four Agawam elementary school PTO's.

The committee was formed to fund new playscapes for each of the four schools. The estimated cost of the four playscapes is \$120,000. AEPC has succeeded in obtaining a town funding match of \$2 for every \$1 raised by the committee, leaving the committee with a goal of \$40,000. To date, the committee has raised over \$32,000 towards this goal.

Come show your support and join us at the auction. Help make our dream a reality!

### LEGAL NOTICE

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#### TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 20, 1997 at 7:30 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Suffield Street Partnership for an amendment to the Definitive Subdivision Plan of the Suffield Street Industrial Park.

By Order of Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman  
Agawam Planning Board

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## Jessica Francis To Compete In Miss Mass. Teen USA Pageant

Miss Jessica Francis, daughter of Barbara Pillarella and Edward Francis, has been selected as an entrant in the 1998 Miss Massachusetts Teen USA Pageant to be staged in the Grand Ballroom of the Holiday Inn, Worcester, MA, on November 29 and 30, 1997.

The State Pageant will select the Massachusetts Representative to the 1998 Miss Teen USA Pageant, which will be nationally televised by CBS in August 1998. The Miss Teen USA Pageant will be staged by Trump Pageants, Inc.

Jessica, who was selected as an entrant at large, will be competing with girls from all over the state for the title of Miss Massachusetts Teen USA. She attends Agawam High School and is now a senior.

In high school, Jessica is a member of the National Honor Society, Renaissance, AFS, the Prom Committee, the Art Club, and is on the yearbook staff. Her other activities include photography, rollerblading, drawing, writing, modeling, and dancing.

The dates again for the Miss Massachusetts Teen USA Pageant are November 29 and 30, 1997 in the Grand Ballroom of the Holiday Inn, Worcester, MA, where Jessica will be competing for the most coveted title in the state. The Massachusetts Teen USA Pageant is the official preliminary to the Miss Teen USA Pageant.

Jessica's sponsors are Gino's, CJ's Towing Unlimited, Cheers Discount Liquors, Mail Boxes Etc., Goodies, Stop & Shop, Dr. Curtis, Agawam Bowl, Games and Lanes, Agawam's Award Store, Point View Auto Sales, Olive Oil's, Ayre Real Estate Co., Inc., Tavern Inn, and Northeast Seat Co., Inc.

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JESSICA FRANCIS will be competing in the Miss Massachusetts Teen USA Pageant in Worcester on November 29th and 30th.

## Buffet Breakfast Slated At Agawam American Legion

This Sunday, November 16th, the American Legion Auxiliary Unit (Post 185) will host a buffet breakfast for the benefit of its charities (community service, children/youth, scholarships, etc.).

The breakfast will take place from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The donation is \$4.50 for adults, and \$2.25 for children 10 years of age and under.

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AGAWAM LIONS AND LIONESS members celebrated the success of the BIG E restaurant during the 17-day September fair with a recent dinner at Oak Ridge Golf Club. From left - Donald Sorel, treasurer, BIG E committee; Eileen Eagan, co-president, Agawam Lioness; Marianne Campbell, co-president, Lioness; Raymond Favreau, chairman's award winner; and James Loomis, chairman of the BIG E committee. Lions Club BIG E committee members included - James Loomis (chairman), Bob Loomis, Bob Germano, and Don Sorel (treasurer). Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Lions Club Gather To Celebrate Another Successful BIG E

A night of festivities was held at the Oak Ridge Country Club for all of the members and friends of The Agawam Lions Club that helped at the Eastern States Exposition this year. The Lions Club runs a very large budget that is given away each year, to help those less fortunate and to support activities in the town that the Lions Club has chosen as worthy and worthwhile. The Lions would not be able to help the people and projects without the help given at The Big E each year. This is the Lions' way of saying thank you to all who helped in their greatest project.



BABY IAN NATHANIEL HASTINGS

The Hastings Family Announces Birth Of Son, Ian Nathaniel

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hastings, Jr. of Feeding Hills are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Ian Nathaniel, on September 19, 1997 at Wesson Women's. Ian weighed in at eight pounds, two ounces, and was 20½ inches long. Paternal grandfather is Arthur Hastings of Feeding Hills. Maternal grandparents are Marvin and Shirley Rasmussen of Westfield. Ian also has two great-grandmothers, Blanche Clark of Westfield and Doris Perry of Dayton, Wyoming.

Let's Talk "Turkey"... Thanksgiving Is Almost Upon Us!



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## Jill Gagne Is Engaged To Wed Brian Decker

Daniel and Linda Gagne of 25 Federal Avenue, Agawam, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jill Gagne, to Brian Decker of Somers, CT. He is the son of Karen Young of Somers and Donald Decker of Agawam.

A fall wedding is planned.

The bride-to-be graduated from Agawam High School (class of 1987). She is a teacher at the Jewish Community Preschool and a swim instructor for the Easter Seal Society.

Her fiancé graduated from Minnechaug Regional High School and Springfield Technical Community College. He is employed by Uniphase Telecommunications Products in Bloomfield, CT.



SUZANNE HERLIHY, volunteer coordinator, and her husband, Tim, supported Riverside Park's HallowScream and the Ronald McDonald House of Springfield.

## Local Volunteers At McDonald House

On Sunday, October 19, 1997, volunteers from the Ronald McDonald House of Springfield helped Riverside with the "Pumpkin Patch" while also helping the Ronald McDonald House families.

The activities were all free with admission to the park, but many people were willing to make a donation to our charity. Painting pumpkins with all kinds of faces was not only a happy time for the children involved, but for the adults, too.

Anyone interested in volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House, please call Suzanne at 784-5683. Thanks to Riverside and the volunteers.

## Forastiere Family Has Grief Support Program For Holiday Season

The Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home is pleased to announce that their widely recognized grief support program, "Handling the Holidays," will be held at the Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home, 985 Main Street, Agawam on Saturday, November 22nd from 2:15 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

This seminar will be presented by the funeral home's Grief Specialist, Lila Forastiere, who is a nationally-acclaimed bereavement counselor and educator. The program is especially useful for those where the loss has occurred within the last three years.

When a loved one has died, the prospect of the upcoming holiday season often is one of dread rather than of joyous anticipation. Holidays are typically rich in traditions, full of plans made together, and family gatherings which point out all too clearly the missing place at the table.

If the death has occurred within the last year, family members and friends usually try to be quite supportive, but typically they try to "help" from their own perspective of what they think you need. If it has been over a year since the death, many friends and relatives think that you should be "all better" ... that your life (and the holidays) should be back to "normal."

Those of you who have experienced the death of a loved one know that this just isn't true. Sometimes the expectations of others about how you should be doing, make you feel that there is something "wrong" with you in that you're not "over this yet."

Please take heart - there is nothing wrong with you ... there's something wrong with our society's expectations concerning those who are grieving. Planning is the key to coping with the season. Just letting it come, bringing what it may, can be disastrous in terms of emotional energy. Actively thinking about and planning for the holidays helps to get through this time with the least amount of stress possible.

Recognizing the needs of those who are grieving, the Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home will be providing a seminar which they call "Handling the Holidays." This program offers suggestions and ideas as to what grieving people can do to help themselves through the holiday season ... a time that sometimes seems unbearable to people facing the "joyous" season without their loved one.

Much of the presentation will be devoted to specific planning and little things that might relieve some stress and offer some comfort while retaining the meaning of the holiday.

Lila encourages those attending to bring family members or special friends to share the responsibility of listening and absorbing information, as she states, "This is not an easy task for those who are grieving!"

"Handling the Holidays" is one of the many "Options ... for a brighter tomorrow" grief support programs provided free of charge to the community by the Colonial Forastiere Funeral Home.

Pre-registration is suggested. Please call 786-2600.

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The bride-to-be graduated from Agawam High School in 1992 and Daytona Beach Community College. She will graduate from Springfield College in May with a degree in Health Education.

The future groom is a 1991 graduate of Cathedral High School. He completed his Bachelor's degree in Aviation Management at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, and is currently employed as an airport operations coordinator at Morristown Municipal Airport in Morristown, New Jersey.

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## Junior Women's Club Is Seeking Donations For Holiday Baskets

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The Agawam Junior Women's Club needs food and toys for Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Baskets. This year, we need to fill over 50 baskets which will be delivered to Feeding Hills and Agawam residents in need, including some of our elderly. **As of this date, baskets will not be full for Thanksgiving unless more citizens put a canned good in one of our drop-off boxes.**

We are looking to fill each basket with one Thanksgiving dinner and enough food to feed a family of four for a week. We need the following items:

**Canned vegetables, cereal, onions, pumpkin pie filling, food in jars, cake mixes, apples, stuffing mix, pasta, potatoes, and cranberry sauce.**

These items may be left at the following drop-off places:

**Fitness First, Ayre Real Estate, Feeding Hills Public Market, Senior Center, Granger School Office, Westfield Savings Bank, Agawam Public Market, The Deli on Main Street, Town Hall, and the Agawam Public Library.**

If you wish to make a perishable donation of a 10-pound turkey or a three-pound ham, please call Joyce at 786-3327 or Dee at 786-9085 after 5:00 p.m.

For the Christmas baskets, we often include toys for the children. If you wish to donate a toy, you may leave it in the same drop-off box at one of the places listed above for food.

Also, every year our Club looks for caring individuals to sponsor a child (or children) of one of these needy families. Sponsors are asked to purchase one item of clothing for that child (or children) which is wrapped and added to the family's holiday basket. To sponsor a child, call Eileen at 789-2818 or Stephanie at 786-4578.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is an equal opportunity volunteer organization and a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.

## Elderly Caregivers Can Receive Info, Tips At Sacred Heart Meeting

An informational evening open to all citizens of Agawam and of special interest to caregivers and the elderly will be presented by the Greater Springfield Senior Services on Thursday, November 20th at Sacred Heart Parish Center from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

This program is not restricted only to those with cares and concerns of the aging. Anyone who is involved in home care of loved ones, regardless of age, will certainly benefit from the information being made available, such as how to get help and how to help.

Mark your calendar now to save this date, November 20th. This will be the opportunity to get answers to the questions you may have and didn't know where to turn for help.

If possible, please call Sacred Heart Rectory at 786-8200 to reserve space so that accommodations will be available for those attending.

This program is being presented as a community service by the Adult Education Commission of the Sacred Heart Parish Council.

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**THE AGAWAM AMERICAN LEGION POST 185 hosted its Annual Halloween Party once again this year.**

## Agawam American Legion Hosts Annual Halloween Party At Post Home

Many Halloween parties were held throughout Agawam and Feeding Hills. Among them was the party hosted by American Legion Auxiliary Unit 185 - Agawam on Springfield Street.

Children were accompanied by at least one adult. Games were organized for them to play, including small cars, at which a child could ride in and race (in the hall) for prizes.

Prizes were given to children in different

categories and plenty of refreshments were served. The hall was beautifully decorated, also.

Refreshments were served before games were played, from pizza for adults to chips, apples, cakes, donuts, etc. for all. About 60 children attended and everyone had a great time.

Committee members include "Tina" Kristine Henson (president), Mary Ellen Morissette, Judy Day, Carol O'Sullivan (PP), and Peg Brown (PDD).



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# Church News

## Reflections...

submitted by  
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### Our Freedom Is A Costly And Precious Asset

All around America this week, our country paid tribute to the brave men and women who have served in the armed forces for the sake of our freedom. Banks, schools, and government offices were closed to pay tribute to America's heroes on Veterans' Day.

It is important that we interrupt our usual activities for such remembrances, lest we forget that the freedom we so easily enjoy was not so easily secured. We need to remind ourselves that our freedom is a costly and precious asset.

Freedom has always cost somebody something. Those who have lost loved ones in war know and appreciate the high cost of freedom. We can live our lives and raise our families in safety, because of what others have done for us. All of us appreciate our freedom; we certainly wouldn't want to live any other way.

God's plan for our lives is that we should be perfectly free; free from the power and effects of sin. The freedom God provides also cost Him something, the life of His Son. Jesus Christ died a sinner's death on the cross to break the bondages of sin and to secure perfect freedom for us.

The freedom Christ provides is perfect because it extends beyond this life, into eternity. We can live in eternal safety, because of what somebody else has done for us. All of us can understand and appreciate our temporary, earthly freedom; can we also understand and appreciate the eternal and perfect freedom God wants to give each of us?

God knows how easily people can forget important facts of history. This is especially true as time passes. For example, in the Book of Deuteronomy, we read: "In the future, when your son asks you, 'What is the meaning of the stipulations, decrees and laws the Lord our God has commanded you?' tell him: 'We were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, but the Lord brought us out with a mighty hand. Before our eyes the Lord sent miraculous signs and wonders, great and terrible, upon Egypt and Pharaoh and his whole household. But He brought us out from there to bring us in and give us the land that He promised on oath to our forefathers. The Lord commanded us to obey all these decrees and to fear the Lord our God, so that we might always prosper and be kept alive, as is the case today.'"

Elsewhere in the same Book, we see this admonition: "Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them."

To the generation which struggles in a major conflict, whether that conflict is a war of this country or the deliverance of the Israelites from Egypt, it is incomprehensible that people would ever forget what happened. And yet, because He so perfectly understands our human nature, God commanded the people of Israel to memorialize their deliverance from slavery in Egypt.

In the same way, Jesus Christ wants us to never forget what He did for us by dying on the cross and by so doing obtaining perfect freedom for us; a freedom which we can enjoy in this world and take into eternity.

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## The Public Is Warmly Invited To Valley Community Church

The public is warmly invited to follow the sounds of the chimes to Valley Community Church on Sunday morning. The Worship service, led by Pastor Steve Dennehy, begins at 9:30 a.m.

Pastor Steve's method of relaying God's message is easily understood, and is encouraging, in following God's Word.

Children's Church begins at 10:00 a.m. This is a time for all the children to depart for Dunn Hall to hold their own worship service. It is here that Lyle Pearsons and Margie Secora teach the same message as the adults will hear, but in a way that the children will understand.

Coffee and Fellowship is held at 10:30 a.m. We encourage all our visitors to join in this time of friendship.

Church School begins at 11:00 a.m., and classes are available for all ages, from kindergarten through adults.

We invite all newcomers to our area, or anyone who is seeking to establish a relationship with Jesus Christ, to the Sunday morning Worship Service.

The Parish Life Committee will be holding its monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 18th, at 6:30 p.m.

There will be many items to discuss and finalize, so all members are urged to attend.

The church will be resounding with music on Wednesday evening, as both Junior and Senior Choirs gather to rehearse. The Junior Choir will meet at 6:15 p.m., and the Senior Choir will meet at 7:00 p.m.

Both choirs are busy practicing their music for the upcoming Advent season.

On Friday, November 21st, church members will gather for a special night of fun and fellowship. Our monthly Fellowship Supper begins at 6:00 p.m. This will be a pot-luck supper.

There is a sign-up-sheet in Dunn Hall for all those who would like to bring their family-favorite food. After eating, everyone will be walking over to the Red Door Theater for a talent show.

The numerous talents of church members will shine that night as they share their many abilities with the congregation. We remind you, though, that just as much as we need various "acts" for the show, we also need an audience.

We encourage all our church members to attend this fun-packed night.

Valley Community Church is located at 152 South Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

## Weekly Calendar From Ag. Congregational

A Pasta Supper is planned by our Catering Committee for Saturday, November 15th, at 5:30 p.m. The menu includes pasta with meat sauce, salad, Italian bread, ice cream and sauce, and beverages.

The cost is \$5 for adults, and \$3 for children. For reservations, call the church office at 786-7111, or Jerry Hamel at 786-2908. Reservations close on November 14th.

This Sunday, November 16th, is Youth Sunday. Worship Service continues at 10:30 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

Rev. Fuller's sermon will be "I Shall Not Be Moved," taken from text Psalm 16. The children's message will be "Can You Move Me?"

The Children's Choir will offer their voices for the service under the direction of the Minister of Music, Ellen Cogen. The children meet for rehearsal directly following the service.

An ALL CHURCH MEETING for the Capital Fund Drive will be held following the Worship Service.

Pick-up date for the Christmas wreaths is Sunday, November 16th. If you cannot pick up your wreath, call the church office and they will be delivered to your home.

Church School continues at 9:00 a.m. for grades seven through 12, and at 10:30 a.m. for three year-olds through grade six.

The Church School will be using the "Whole People of God." The children are continuing to learn about Ruth and Esther.

This highly praised program will be used for every age group.

Reminder: The Loaves & Fishes Program is Monday, November 17th. For those who wish to help serve at the kitchen in Springfield, meet at the church at 4:00 p.m.

The Open Pantry item for this Sunday is canned juice.

Items collected each week are donated to the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry.

The Ladies Aid Annual Christmas Bazaar is planned for Saturday, November 22nd, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Join us to browse, shop, eat, or enjoy the beautiful decorations for the coming season. Many booths have handmade crafts.

Our Luncheon Cafe will offer sandwiches, beverages, and dessert. See you there!

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**PREPARING CEMETERY LOGS** for the upcoming "Jingle Valley Fair" at the First Baptist Church in Agawam Center on Saturday, November 22nd are, from left - Donald Goss, Claire Crouss, and Donald Nowill. **IN PHOTO RIGHT**, showing off some of the Christmas items to be sold are Arline R. Smith, Leona R. Bouska, and Edith Gottsche. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

## "Jingle Valley Fair" At 1st Baptist Church

The First Baptist Church (corners of Main & Elm Sts.) in Agawam will host its "Jingle Valley Fair" on Saturday, November 22nd from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Each year, hundreds of wonderful holiday items and gifts are presented at this annual event. Featured will be the General Store, the Candy Cupboard, the Loft, Attic Treasures, the Caring Connection Corner and a Coffee Bar (hosted by our young people).

Homemade cemetery boxes may also be ordered at \$8 each by calling 786-8285.

Also offered will be a "Snowflake Luncheon" with sittings from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person. The menu will include Southern chicken casserole, cranberry salad, blueberry muffin, apple dessert with coffee, tea, or milk. For advanced reservations, call 786-8624.

## Free Pancake Breakfast At United Methodist

The Agawam United Methodist Church, 491 Mill Street, Feeding Hills will host a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, November 16th, from 7:00 to 8:30 a.m.

The breakfast is free and open to the public.

## Weekly Message From Ag. United Methodist On Mill Street

The first part of the story of Ruth and Naomi was presented to introduce our drama-in-worship, two-part series. The response encourages the group as this Sunday, November 16th, the second part is presented at Agawam United Methodist Church.

This includes such themes as "Planning A Future," "Threshing Time," "Night Encounter," "Duties Of A Relative," and "Celebration."

The story, while illustrating life as it was in the biblical community, leaves no stone unturned as it challenges and suggests to us what a caring community spirit can mean to our world today.

Once again, it is our pleasure to welcome all persons within or outside of this community to the hour of worship.

The Agawam United Methodist Church is located at 459 Mill Street, Agawam.

We meet at 9:30 a.m.

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## Annual Holiday Fair At Grace Lutheran

Grace Lutheran Church will hold its 19th Annual Holiday Fair on November 22nd from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. in the church hall, 1552 Westfield Street, West Springfield.

The fair will feature local craft persons as well as traditional church shops. There will be a sausage grinder luncheon served from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Proceeds from this event will go to the Women in Christ group to help fund their missions.

## Roast Pork Dinner At Methodist Church

The Agawam United Methodist Church will host a Roast Pork Dinner on Saturday, November 15th at 5:00 p.m.

Donation is \$6. Walk-ins are welcome.

For reservations, call Paula and Karl at 786-3261.



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## News From St. John's Church...

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

During the month of November, we prayerfully remember our departed family members and loved ones. We will celebrate a Memorial Mass for all of our parishioners who have passed away during the period from last All Souls day 'til November 1, 1997.

We invite you to join us at St. John's for this Mass on **November 23rd at 11:30 a.m.**, followed by light refreshments in our Parish Center.

Please contact Sr. Fran at 786-4499 if you plan to join us for the refreshments.

**THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS:** Do you know someone or a family in need of food for Thanksgiving? Please contact Sr. Fran or one of our priests. Your information will remain confidential!

In the past, many have donated turkeys and food certificates for our families in need. If you would like to participate in this generous endeavor, please contact us before Sunday, November 23rd, so we can honor your request.

**AGAWAM TOWN ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE** will be held at Saint David's Episcopal Church, on Springfield Street in Feeding Hills, on Sunday, November 23rd, at 7:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

And don't forget to plan on attending our Special Thanksgiving Morning Mass at 8:30 a.m. Again we would ask families to bring some non-perishable food items which will be brought for-

ward during the Offertory procession. These food items will be used for food baskets for Christmas.

## ST. JOHN'S OVER 60 CLUB

There **will be** a meeting on Thursday, November 20th, at 1:30 p.m. Come and enjoy games, cards, and refreshments by Pauline and Jane.

## "42 STREET"

Tickets are available for "42nd Street" at Bay Path College the night of Thursday, November 20th. Car pools will leave at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$5.

Call Lorraine at 786-4149.

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Annual Bazaar is just about a month away. Did you remember to drop your raffle returns in the collection basket? The Bazaar is a major fundraiser by the Women's Club for the benefit of the Parish. *Why not make it the best ever?*

**Donations** of any nonperishable food items will now be accepted for the Bountiful Basket. Please bring them to the Parish Center marked **Bountiful Basket**.

Two varieties of **Cemetery Boxes** will be on display in the Parish Center Foyer after all the Masses on Sunday, November 16th. To order one, call Angela at 786-5408.

## AGAWAM CATHOLIC SINGLES CLUB

**November 30th:** LaSalette Trip - Contact John, 782-7872.

**December 6th:** Symphony Holiday Pops Concert - Joanne, 789-2945.

## Work Party At First Baptist Church To Create Cemetery Boxes For Fair

On Saturday, November 15th, there will be a work party to create cemetery boxes to be sold at First Baptist Church's upcoming fair.

Participants are invited to arrive at 9:15 a.m. at the home of Don & Shirley Goss; bring a bag lunch. Beverage and dessert will be provided.

This is not only a work party, but also a time of fun and fellowship. Plan to be a part of this effort and share in some fellowship as well.

On Sunday, November 16th, at the 9:30 a.m. service of worship, Pastor Richard Barnes will speak on "It Will Not Always Be Like This."

The responsive reading will be led by Joyce Geiger. Coffee and conversation follow worship in Davis Hall. Church school classes are available for all ages until 11:45 a.m.

Our calendar for this week looks like this:

**Monday, November 17th:** 7:30 p.m., Word Search (Bible Study); 7:30 p.m. Social Action Committee

**Tuesday, November 18th:** 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 6:30 p.m., Mr. & Mrs. Club; 7:00 p.m., Junior Youth Group; 7:30 p.m., Sister-To-

Sister

**Wednesday, November 19th:** 7:15 a.m., Mid Week Prayer Time; 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Trading Post Open

**Thursday, November 20th:** 10:00 a.m., Bell Choir Rehearsal; 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday, November 22nd:** 10:00 a.m., Rehearsal for Advent Performance; 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Jingle Valley Fair; 1:00 p.m., Baptism Class

Caring Connection contacts for the month of November are Doug and Sharon Grabowski (860-668-0450) and Gwen and Jack Magovern (786-3542).

The annual Jingle Valley Fair will be held on Saturday, November 22nd. The doors open at 10:00 a.m. Look for handcrafted gifts, homemade candy, unique Christmas tree decorations, delicious food items, unusual plants, and "just what you were looking for" white elephants.

Luncheon will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For reservations, call Emma at 786-8624.

## News &amp; Notes From F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. The worship hour begins at 10:00 a.m.

This Sunday, November 16th, is Stewardship Sunday. The lectionary readings will be Daniel 12:1-3, Psalm 16, Hebrews 10:11-25, and Mark 13:1-8.

Rev. Donaldson's sermon title is, "Praying for What We Need."

Children should attend worship with their parents, leaving at the designated time for Sunday School; nursery care will be prompted for the very young.

Reservations are still being accepted for the Chicken Pie Supper to be served on Saturday, November 15th. Please call Mrs. Betty Bava at 786-0679 or Mr. Barbara Swanson if you would like to make a reservation.

The deadline to submit information to the church newsletter is Thursday, November 20th.

There will be an ecumenical service of Thanksgiving on Sunday, November 23rd, at 7:00 p.m. The service will be held at St. David's Episcopal Church and will be attended by churches of many denominations from Agawam.

A special choir with members from the different churches will gather and rehearse on Wednesday, November 19th, at 7:00 p.m. at St. David's.

There is only one slot left for volunteers to teach Sunday School for this unit. The unit will run until January 11, 1998.

Talk to Chris Chapman soon if you want to help. Otherwise, you may have to wait for the next unit to begin!

On the calendar:

**Thursday, November 13th:** 7:00 p.m., A.A.

**Saturday, November 15th:** 5:00 p.m., LBS Chicken Pie Supper/Bake Sale.

**Sunday, November 16th:** 10:00 a.m., Stewardship Sunday; 2:00 p.m., Cub Scout meeting.

**Monday, November 17th:** 4:00 to 5:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 7:00 p.m., Trustees.

**Tuesday, November 18th:** 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:30 p.m., Deacons.

**Wednesday, November 19th:** 6:30 p.m., Music Committee; 7:00 p.m., Choir rehearsal; 7:30 p.m., Christian Ed Committee.

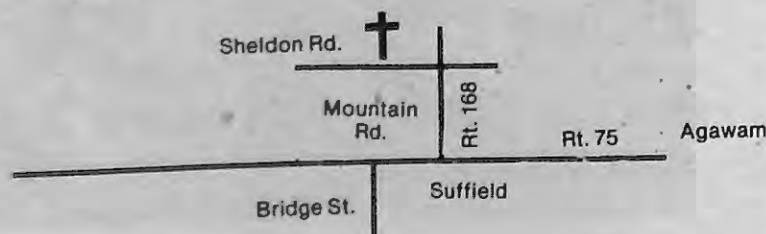
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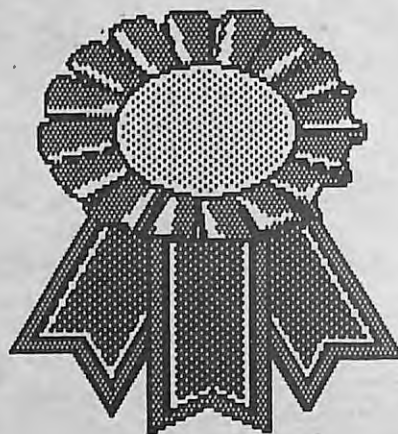
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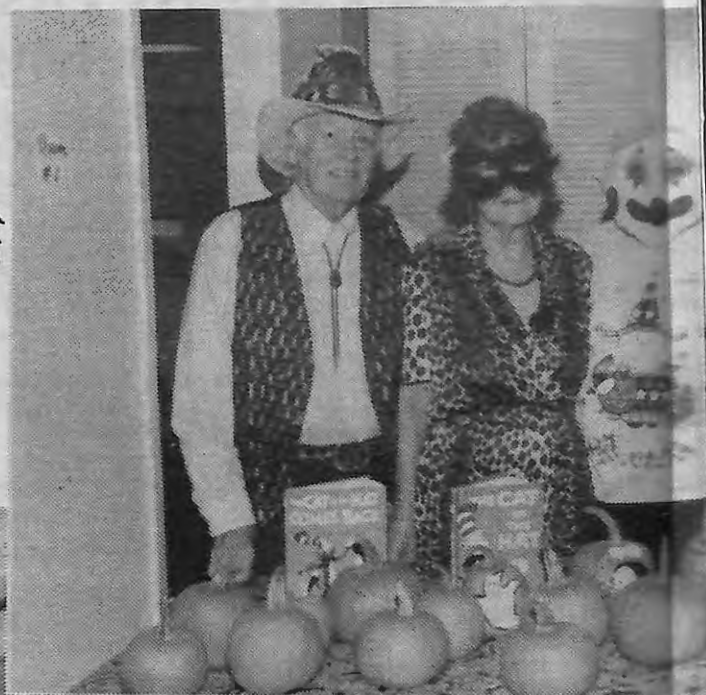
"WHAT DO YOU THINK OF MY COSTUME THIS YEAR?": Caroline Coelln of Colonial News of Feeding Hills.



OVER AT PERRY LANE NURSERY SCHOOL, it was difficult to tell who was having more fun during their celebration of Halloween — the young or the "young-at-heart" (a.k.a. the students or their teachers).



All of the townwide Halloween photos are by Jack Devine...



SOME FAMILIAR (???) FACES at the Agawam Federal Credit Union: Gayle Pueschel, Lorraine Ruszala, Linda Verteramo, Grace Janik, and Gloria Kerr.



CELEBRATING HALLOWEEN AT THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER: Terry Houle, Eleanor Geiger, Lorraine Daley, and Gertrude Duvall.



# ings" In Agawam...



"WHAT'S 'DIFFERENT' ABOUT THE WORKERS AT WESTFIELD SAVINGS BANK?": Laura Mutti, Donna Ruccio, Donna Kennedy, Donna Fay, Sheryl Fleming, Isabel Crespo, Lynn Racine, and Sharon Vigneault.



IN PHOTO AT LEFT: Howard Graves, Lillian Graves, Joyce B. Bickford, Lorraine Fontaine, Priscilla Magagnoli, and Irene Jabry having fun at the Agawam Senior Center.



GETTING INTO THE "SPIRIT" OF HALLOWEEN at Heritage Hall's North Building: Cecile Serra (left) and Alma Gamache.



POSING WITH A NOT-TOO-FRIGHTENING SCARECROW at the Agawam Senior Center are Fern Senecal (left) and Joan Linnehan.



PARTICIPATING IN THE HALLOWEEN HOLIDAY at Heritage Hall's East Building: Loretta Rolland, Deborah Reavey, and Julie Buchanan.





## Spotlight On Business

### CAFE CHICAGO Offers Chic Style In Feeding Hills

For those townspeople who have enjoyed the Bruno Family's popular **Casa Di Lisa Ristorante** for the past 20 years or so, but haven't heard the news, then be prepared - you have to see this to believe it.

With Mr. & Mrs. Frank Bruno, Sr., now retired and proud grandparents, Frank Bruno, Jr., used a six week period to completely reshape and restyle the long-time Italian restaurant at 801 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, into **CAFE CHICAGO**, a restaurant styled like those found in the downtown of the big city by the big lake.

#### Time For Serious Changes

"The time had come to do some serious changes to meet the changing times," Frank Bruno, Jr., told us last week. "And so far, the response has been outstanding. Some of our customers who did not come in during our renovation process (food was served in the adjacent banquet room) could not believe what we had done."

Upon entering **CAFE CHICAGO**, the bar area has been redone and reshaped. The huge overhead skylight remains intact, but the seated bar itself is far more intimate than before. High-back bar stools and tables, and modern art hanging on the walls immediately catch the eye.

In the main dining room, the old world Italian art and decor has been completely changed. A blazing fireplace is the first big change. It features a 90's look that beautifully complements the tables adorned with black table clothes.

Hanging over each table is a long and thin (and small) pendant-style lamp. Modern art is strategically placed on the walls. The popular corner booth remains. All other booths have been removed. One customer described the dining room as "classy but very relaxed." Good description.

The menu features a few of the old Italian favorites served for years at the former **Casa Di Lisa**. **CAFE CHICAGO** features "Zuppa Di Pesce," "Chicken Cacciatore," "Chicken Rollatini," and "Veal Scallopine."

#### Many New Menu Items

However, Bruno has introduced more beef, veal, and seafood with his new **CAFE CHICAGO**, including "Prime Rib," "Beef Tips Chicago Style," "Filet Mignon," "New York Sirloin," "Grilled Swordfish," "Shrimp Scampi," "Pan-Seared Scallops," and "Surf & Turf."

Some of the appetizers include old-standby "Zuppa Di Clams," as well as "Stuffed Mushrooms," "Shrimp Cocktail," "Shrimp D'Villa" (wrapped with prosciutto, cooked in wine sauce), "Grilled Shrimp," "Fried Calamari" (original style or "Cafe Chicago" style), and "Carpaccio" (served with aged Reggiano Parmigiano and field greens).

Salads include "Chef Salad," "Caesar Salad," and "Cafe Chicago Salad" (mesclun lettuce mixed with roasted peppers, artichoke hearts, olives, and sharp cheese, served with cafe dressing.)

The dessert case can be plainly viewed in the bar area and it is filled with deep chocolate mousse cakes, cheesecakes, and other creamy-

SEE CAFE CHICAGO - Page 27...



WHILE THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING that formerly housed **Casa Di Lisa Ristorante** looks pretty much the same (except for the new sign), Frank Bruno, Jr., has completely reshaped and restyled the restaurant into **CAFE CHICAGO**. In photo below, the new bar area is pictured. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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## Spotlight On Business - continued...

### CAFE CHICAGO - from Page 26...

looking delights for those with a sweet tooth.

Bruno emphasized that most menu items can be purchased as "full dinners" or in "cafe style" (smaller portions) for those seeking a lighter meal.

For example, the "full menu" price for the New York Sirloin is \$14.50, while the "cafe style" portion is priced at \$8.25. The Grilled Swordfish at "full menu" price is \$15.75 - the "cafe style" portion is priced at \$8.50.

CAFE CHICAGO will soon be introducing a "lighter fare" menu as well. Patrons can also eat their meals in the dining room or in the bar area.

"We want people to know that they can come in and enjoy late-night drinks, desserts, and lighter fare," Bruno told us. "The kitchen will be open very late so come in after the show, the game, or even if you have gone out somewhere else."

"Our atmosphere is one where people can gather to enjoy themselves, just as they do after work and into the evening in Chicago. That's the style we have adopted and already people are realizing that right here in Feeding Hills this is the place to be," added Bruno.

CAFE CHICAGO is open Tuesday through Sunday (no lunch is served). Bruno has plans to open on Monday very shortly.

Stop in. Stay for a while. Frank Bruno, Jr., is waiting to show the place off.



PART OF THE DINING ROOM AREA of the new CAFE CHICAGO, formerly Casa Di Lisa Ristorante. Waiter Bob Monjeau is getting ready for another busy weekend night. Advertiser

News photos by Jack Devine.

## "Comfort Therapy" Opens In Offices Of Dr. Tami Nelson

Sharon Broggi of Agawam recently opened Touch of Comfort Massage Therapy in Feeding Hills at the office of Dr. Tami Nelson of Hampden County Chiropractic.

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**Spotlight On Business - continued...****Riverside Parks Says  
New Waterpark Area  
Coming For 1998**

Officials at Riverside Park confirm plans to build a new family-oriented water area to open for the 1998 season. Bill Muirhead, General Manager of Riverside Park, said that plans are in the final stages of being approved and will be released as soon as they are available.

Preliminary clearing of the area has begun and will be completed in time to begin construction when the plans are ready in a few weeks.

Details and the exact attractions that will be built are still being finalized, but the excitement of the project is in full swing. "We couldn't be happier with the news. Although we aren't sure exactly which water rides and attractions will be added, we're designing a family water area with exciting attractions for kids of all ages. I just can't wait to see our guests' reaction when they see the new additions," stated Muirhead.

Preliminary plans include interactive children's play areas, water slides, tropical theming, and various water attractions. Summer will come a little earlier to Riverside in 1998 as all the water for the new rides and attractions will be heated.

"The heated water is certainly a great added feature," stated Muirhead. "It will let our guests enjoy the water attractions from the first day of the season to the last," he concluded.

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**Alimony...**

In contemporary divorce proceedings, the distribution of assets and child support are relatively well-defined. The concept of an equitable division of property established that assets of the marriage are treated like the product of a partnership; and, in most divorce cases, those assets will be distributed approximately equally. Guidelines for determining the amount of child support have been established to promote, in fact mandate, a sense of predictability and consistency from case to case.

Alimony and spousal support is now treated as a residuary category; and an award of alimony to support an ex-spouse is considered after the division of assets and the award of child support. There is no generally accepted standard or philosophical basis by which a trial judge determines whether to grant alimony, and if so, how much and for how long.

As judges differ from case to case, different awards of alimony both with respect to the amount and duration on the same or similar facts give the appearance of inequality and engender disrespect for the law.

In an effort to deal with the problem of disparity in incomes between partners after divorce, courts and scholars have offered a number of rationales upon which to base an alimony award. Some decisions are based on the traditional principles of need and ability to pay. Other decisions are based on the concept of restitution, or putting a party back in the position he or she was prior to the marriage.

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Particularly in short-term, childless marriages where one party has enhanced the earning capacity of the other by putting him or her through professional school, courts have believed that some sort of restitution, irrespective of need, is warranted. Courts, particularly in long-term marriages, talk in terms of reliance.

One spouse should not be placed at a disadvantage because of the division of labor during the marriage which enabled one partner to enhance his or her earning capacity while the other devoted himself or herself to homemaking and child-rearing duties.

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One of the most difficult questions in setting an amount of spousal support is for what period of time the economically disadvantaged spouse is entitled to receive money. The superior or sole earner is always looking for the light at the end of the tunnel when he or she will be relieved of the burden of supporting a former spouse. The lesser or non-earning spouse is afraid of an arbitrary cutoff date for support which will result in a precipitous decline in his or her standard of living.

There is a widely held view that marriages of different lengths should have different consequences as concerns alimony. Over the years, a consensus has developed which divides marriages into three categories: short-term, intermediate, and long-term.

Although the cutoff dates are in a sense arbitrary, at present many classify a marriage of up to five years as short-term, of between five years and 15 years as intermediate, and any marriage of 15 years or more as long-term. With minor exceptions, most would agree that the investment of the economically disadvantaged spouse in a long-term marriage calls for ongoing support on an indefinite basis and in an amount sufficient for both spouses to maintain as closely as possible the standard of living enjoyed during the marriage.

In a short-term, childless marriage, one spouse has not built up such a significant economic reliance or lost significant time away from the job market so as to warrant indefinite ongoing support. Two possible exceptions involve the facts of age and health.

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## Pregnancy And Chiropractic...

Pregnancy can have a significant effect on a woman's body. Hormonal changes occurring in pregnancy cause softening and stretching of the ligaments throughout the entire body. This change begins very early in pregnancy and continues to about the sixth week postpartum.

The increased weight and altered biomechanics that occur as pregnancy progresses can further exaggerate changes. This can lead to low back pain, mid-back pain, and neck pain. Another common ailment is sciatic pain, pain in the buttock and down the leg. This affects walking, sleep, and sitting, not to mention mental attitude.

When a woman is pregnant, the last thing she wants to do is take any kind of medication that may affect the unborn child. Chiropractic is a natural approach to healthcare, thus perfect for the pregnant mom. There is no contraindication to manipulation of the low back for a pregnant woman suffering with low back pain.

My neighbor is currently in her ninth month of pregnancy and suffering with acute low back and leg pain. We have treated her conservatively with

gentle manipulation, soft-tissue massage, and a home exercise program. She has responded quite well to care.

Another important aspect of treatment includes patient education. Here are some suggestions that may help decrease any discomfort:

- Use pillows when lying down (between and under the knees).
- Stretching and strengthening program (call our office for more info).
- Good posture with sitting and standing (a small pillow behind the back is helpful with sitting. Back Hugger pillows are available at our office — the perfect holiday gift!).
- Avoid bending from the waist only, use hips and legs, squat often.
- Avoid high-heel shoes; they increase strain on the low back.

- Ice and heat can help relieve symptoms.  
- Family support (this one is my favorite): DECREASE the amount of housework, especially vacuuming, ironing, and washing dishes. Support from the family to perform these activities should be encouraged.

So, why is this my favorite? Currently, I am seven months pregnant and feel that this one helps not only the physical body, but also the emotional and mental as well! I can't tell you how GOOD it felt to have my husband wash all the windows and storms in the house for fall cleaning!

Of course, I had to adjust him after that, but it was certainly worth it!

If you have any questions regarding pregnancy and chiropractic care, please contact our office. We certainly understand any discomfort you may be experiencing.

**Dr. Nelson maintains an office at 850 Springfield Street in Feeding Hills. Call 786-4820 for questions.**

## Better Breathers Group To Next Meet At Mercy Hospital

On Wednesday, November 19th, the BETTER BREATHERS SUPPORT GROUP for people with C.O.P.D. (asthma, chronic bronchitis, or emphysema) will meet at Mercy Hospital, Joseph Deliso Conference Center, O'Hara Room, 271 Carew Street, Springfield, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Anne Jacques, RD, of Mercy Hospital will speak on nutrition and lung disease.

These meetings are free of charge and open to anyone who is affected by lung disease, including their families and friends.

For more information, call the American Lung Association at 737-3506 or Linda Chastain at 748-9610.

## Support Groups And Courses Offered By Noble Hospital

### SUPPORT GROUPS

\* **Crohn's & Colitis:** Tuesday, November 18th, 7:00 p.m., Conference Room A, Noble Hospital, 115 West Silver Street, Westfield. Speaker - Carole Gossman, M.S., "Coping With Stress." Free of charge. Open to people suffering from Crohn's Disease or Colitis and their support persons.

\* **Stroke:** Wednesday, November 19th, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Bronson Rehabilitation Center Dining Room, Noble Hospital. Free of charge and open to all suffering from stroke and their support persons.

\* **Diabetes:** Tuesday, November 25th, 1:00 p.m., Conference Room A, Noble Hospital. **Special luncheon meeting in honor of National Diabetes Month.** Luncheon served at 1:00 p.m., followed by Tai Chi demonstration by Master Instructor Baiquing Lee. Luncheon and demonstration free of charge, but pre-registration is required. Seating is limited. To register, call 568-2328.

### SMOKING CESSATION:

#### "FORGETTING CIGARETTES"

Noble Hospital will sponsor a smoking cessation course, "Forgetting Cigarettes." This is a two-part program to be held at Noble Hospital from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday, December 1, and Monday, December 8th. Cost for the two-part series is \$40 per person.

The program utilizes hypnosis and will be conducted by Joseph Barako, a registered nurse and certified hypnotherapist. This two-evening course is designed to eliminate all desires for smoking and allow participants to "forget cigarettes" forever.

Class size is limited and pre-registration is required. To register or to obtain more information, call 568-2328.

### CPR COURSE

Noble Hospital offers CPR courses on the third and fourth Wednesday of every month. Class time is 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Classes are given in the Education Department on the ground floor of the hospital.

The course provides American Heart Association Adult, Child, and Infant certification. Cost is \$30 per person.

The next class dates are November 19th and November 26th. To register or obtain more information, contact the Noble Hospital Education Department at 568-2811, ext. 5914.

## Alzheimer's Awareness During November At Atrium Adult Care

In support of National Alzheimer's Awareness Month this November, The Atrium Adult Day Program is hosting an Open House on November 20th between 4:00-6:30 p.m.

The Atrium Adult Day Program specializes in helping those with Alzheimer's and other memory disorders, and is located at 357 Piper Rd. in West Springfield (next to the High School).

The public is invited to attend this special event and learn about memory loss, the role of an adult day care program, and the value of support groups to help families cope.

Refreshments will be provided. For further information, call 788-7700.

## New Support Group For Alzheimer's At Atrium Adult Care

The Atrium at Cardinal Drive announces a new support group for individuals in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease.

This early diagnosed group will meet from 7:00-9:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month beginning on November 18th at the new assisted living facility located at 153 Cardinal Drive in Agawam.

Support groups offer a safe environment to share ideas, feelings, and concerns. For more information, call 788-7700 or 821-9911.

## Blood Screenings At Mercy Hospital On Thursday, Nov. 20th

Mercy Hospital will conduct cholesterol and blood glucose screenings November 20th, 8:00-10:00 a.m., in the Memorial House Auditorium.

There is a \$10 donation for the cholesterol screening; a \$2 donation is requested for the blood glucose screening. Fasting for 12 hours (water is allowed) prior to testing is recommended; results will be mailed to participants.

No advance registration is required. For more information, call the Patient Education Department, (413) 748-9024, weekdays between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m., or leave a message.

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## Fitness First Holds Annual Open House



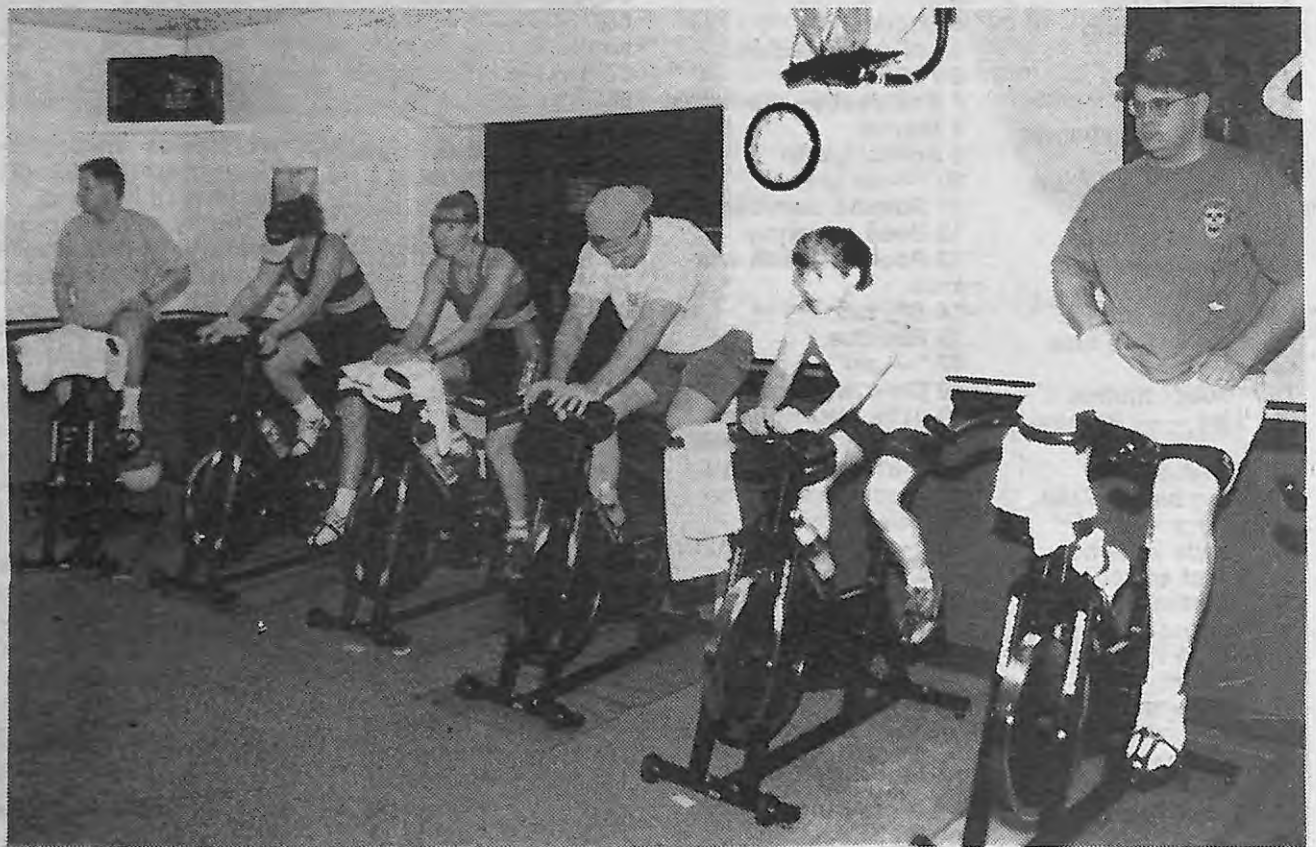
**KURT AND PAULA WELKER**, owners and operators of Fitness First Health and Fitness Center in Feeding Hills. Fitness First celebrated its 12th year of operation with its annual open house on Saturday, November 1st. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**DURING THIS YEAR'S OPEN HOUSE** at Fitness First on Saturday, November 1st, area youngsters enjoyed "post-Halloween" festivities and tried out the facility's new children's gym equipment. This equipment will be used for new gym classes and birthday parties. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**JOHN LEWIS AND JIM KULIK** worked up a sweat via some friendly racquetball competition during Fitness First's open house on November 1st. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**FITNESS FIRST'S OPEN HOUSE** marked the club's 12 years of being in business and featured several "spinning" demonstrations to promote Fitness First's newest workout. "Spinning" is a cycling class that is accompanied by high-energy music. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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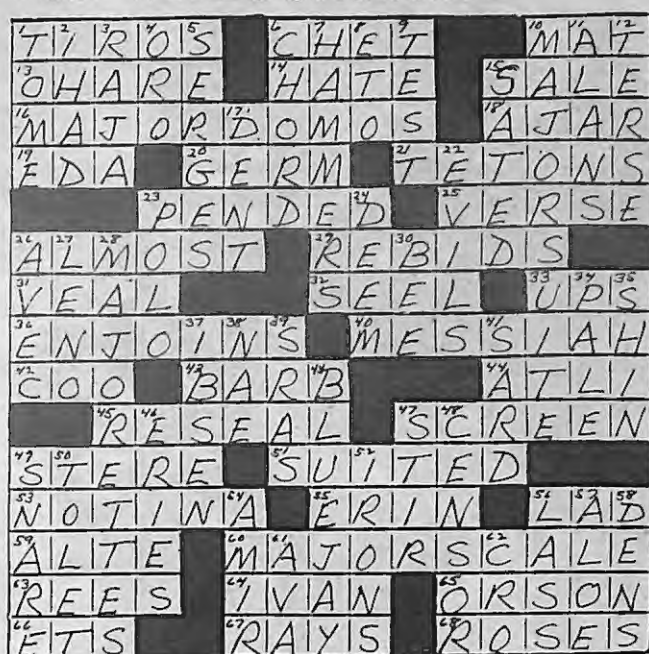


# Arts

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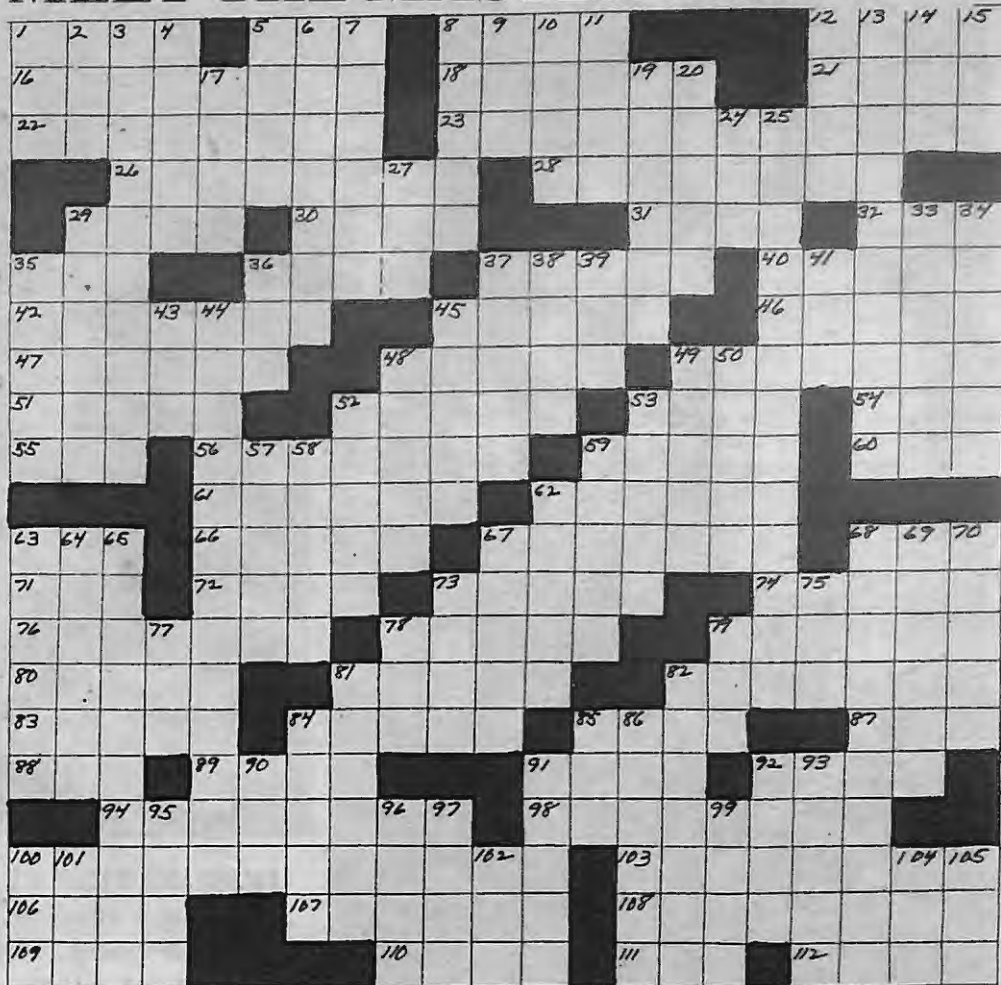
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## MEET THE MASTER - by Dick Mastroianni



## During National Library Week, Kids Invited To Stop By Ag. Lib.

Libraries throughout the country celebrate Children's Book Week (November 16th-22nd) in a variety of ways to encourage children to discover the joys of reading.

The Agawam Library will celebrate by inviting all local children to borrow a variety of new books from our special display shelves. During the week, no adults will be able to check out these new books, UNLESS accompanied by a child.

Among the selections available are new stories from the popular "Animorphs" series for science fiction fans, new Waldo books to puzzle over, "Magic Tree House" titles for mystery fans, and "Magic Attic Club" fiction for fans of that series.

Beginning readers will be treated to a group of brand new books, separated into different reading levels for preliminary graders, including such favorite characters as the Berenstain Bears, Amelia Bedelia, Arthur, and Clifford, the Big Red Dog. Young borrowers will also get "Arthur" bookmarks as special treats.

Rounding out the week's festivities is a puppet show, THE THREE NOT-SO-LITTLE PIGS by Puppetrantz Theatre on Saturday, November 22nd at 2:00 p.m. Agawam and Feeding Hills kids aged three and up can pick up free tickets (while they last) at the library circulation desk.

## First Thanksgiving At Agawam Library

Agawam and Feeding Hills students in kindergarten or older are invited to attend a program on Tuesday, November 18th, from 4:00-5:00 p.m., depicting life in the time of the first Thanksgiving.

The filmstrips "Sarah Morton's Day" and "Samuel Eaton's Day," based on the books by Kate Waters, will be shown. An Early American snack will also be served.

PLEASE REGISTER FOR THIS PROGRAM BY CALLING 789-1550, OR VISITING THE LIBRARY.

## Make Your Own Book At Library Nov. 15th

Agawam and Feeding Hills residents aged three and up, are invited to "Make Your Own Mini-Book" in celebration of Children's Book Week.

On November 15th, between 12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m., borrow a book, and pick up your packet at the Circulation Desk.

YOU MUST REGISTER BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14th. PLEASE CALL 789-1550, OR VISIT THE LIBRARY.

## WTG To Hold Auditions For Evening Of One-Acts

The Westfield Theatre Group, a department of the Westfield Woman's Club, will hold auditions for its sixth annual evening of one-acts. Auditions will be held on Monday and Tuesday, November 17th and 18th, at 7:00 p.m. at 28 Court Street, Westfield.

The shows to be cast include "Actor's Nightmare," directed by Kathi Palmer; "Mirrors," to be directed by Elisa Martin; and "Fantasy on an Empty Stage," directed by Mary Ann Scognamiglio.

There are adult parts available for ages 18 and up. For further information, please contact the Westfield Theatre Group at 572-6838.

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**EDWARD MINCHIN**, a nationally-acclaimed watercolor artist was sponsored by the Agawam Cultural Council on Friday, November 7th, at the Agawam Public Library. **PICTURED IN PHOTO LEFT** is local artist Alexandra Walters, who is the secretary/treasurer of the Agawam Community Artists (ACA). Prior to the demonstration was a reception for the members of community artists' annual art and artisan show. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

## Ag. Cultural Council Hosts Watercolor Demo. And Reception

On Friday, November 7th, the Agawam Cultural Council sponsored a watercolor demonstration by Edward Minchin, A.W.S., at the Agawam Public Library. Preceding the demonstration was a reception for the members of the Agawam Community Artists' annual art and artisan show.

Minchin was introduced by Sandra Saitto, N.W.S., Council Associate Member. Minchin is a nationally acclaimed, award-winning artist and is featured in many current art books. He also gives workshops and demonstrations in many areas of the country.

Over 100 fellow artists, artisans, Cultural Council members, friends, and relatives attending the November 7th event. Minchin is artistically very talented and knowledgeable, and had a charming and witty presentation.

During his demonstration at the Agawam Public Library, he began two paintings — one abstract and a figure using either watercolors or acrylics. He explained his supplies and tools, manipulating various brushes and items for his end result.

He also explained that they were not finished paintings. However, he brought along many complete paintings and/or sketches to show to his audience, illustrating his versatility and talent.

The Agawam Community Artists (ACA) will be presenting their November show in the hallway and Community Room of the library throughout the remainder of the month.

The majority of the group's membership is mainly from Agawam, but the club has invited other area artists and artisans to join. The club members have worked well together in presenting this excellent showing of their talent and skills.

New members are welcome to join the club at its next meeting, which will be on January 8, 1998 at the Captain Charles Leonard House. The ACA is funded in part by the Agawam Cultural Council, which is funded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

If you need further information regarding the ACA and/or their exhibit, call Florida T. Tangocci of 786-3689.

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# Education

## AHS Students Travel To Historic Salem For Witch Festivities

by Kathy Cassanelli  
News Editor

Three-hundred years after being condemned and hung during the hysteria of the Salem witch trials, Bridget Bishop suffered the same fate at the hands of a contemporary "jury."

At the Annual Halloween Reenactment of her trial in Salem staged by drama students at nearby Gordon College, Mrs. Bishop had about as much success convincing the audience, the jury, of her innocence as she did the first time around when "spectral" evidence triumphed over common sense and reason.

At her latest trial, the first woman accused in the 1690's witch hunt was found guilty 36-29 for her attitude and "the way she presented herself," according to AHS junior Nicole Macey.

Nicole was one of 94 American literature students who spent Halloween in Salem with English teachers Jill Giebutowski, Joanne Brown, Margo Poulin, and Jenn Benauski.

Having recently studied Arthur Miller's "The Crucible," Nicole said she learned more of the details of the witch trials after visiting the wax museum and the witch museum. "It was fun, especially on Halloween when they have a carnival and people dress in costumes."

With their students reading the literature written during and about the development of early American culture, the teachers hit on the idea of going to Salem as the best way to bring the period alive for the kids.

"The trip brought history to life for our kids," Ms. Brown said. "The literature of the times reflects what's going on in early American history as our country was developing. The kids understand early American history, but there's still a lot they don't know about in Massachusetts."

### Entering The Cemetery...

For Mrs. Giebutowski, history became real when she entered the cemetery where the victims of the witch hunt are buried. "The most striking thing about the day was walking by the graves of the people. Someone had left flowers on John Proctor's grave. Someone else had left him a note," Mrs. Giebutowski said. "It seemed unbelievable that this could have happened."



**AGAWAM HIGH LITERATURE STUDENTS** recently traveled to Salem to attend some of that town's Halloween festivities, including a reenactment of the famous Salem witch trials. Faculty member Joanne Brown (right) was one of the English teachers who went along with the students. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

At the open courtyard of the witch memorial, Ms. Brown overheard a woman showing her young son the slab inscribed with John Proctor's name. "He was your ancestor," the woman said.

The Halloween celebration in Salem draws a wide variety of ages and religious beliefs to the old town whose name is practically a synonym for witchcraft. On the huge town green, the officially proclaimed Witch of Salem, who practices good magic, greeted visitors while promoting her occult shop, located across from the famous Hawthorne Hotel.

"There were people of all ages and beliefs," Ms. Brown said. "There were Middle School kids and

senior citizens. There were people claiming to be witches and Christian youth groups singing on the green, almost as if to nullify the pagan influence of Halloween."

Ms. Brown said the AHS students came to Salem with a good background in the town's history from reading the Miller play and from reading works by Nathaniel Hawthorne. "We were disappointed that we couldn't get into the 'House of the Seven Gables' (Hawthorne's home and subject of his famous book), but at least the kids know about it and they'll have a little firsthand knowledge of the town where Hawthorne lived," Ms. Brown said.

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## News & Events From Ag. Jr. High PTO For Nov. & Dec.

The Agawam Junior High School PTO held its second meeting of the year on Monday, October 20th. Past minutes, treasurer's report, correspondence, and school improvement council report were presented.

Treasurer Linda Montagna provided an update of the recent QSP fundraising figures. Current receipts reflect a profit of approximately \$17,250. Figures should be finalized by the November meeting as several late orders were still being processed.

The PTO expressed its appreciation to all parents who helped make this effort such a success, especially Leslie Young, who served as this year's fundraising chair.

Four requests for PTO funds were presented and approved. The first request was for transportation to an area homeless shelter. A second request was from the Art Department to fund their fall and spring *Visiting Artist Program*. A third request from the Social Studies Department to sponsor the *Roger Tincknell Assembly Program*.

Finally, a request from the Agawam Junior Women's Club to support their Holiday Baskets was discussed. Up to \$100 was approved to provide materials to be used by Technology Education students in making wooden toys to be donated to the club for distribution.

Elected to fill the remaining vacancy on this year's school improvement council was Sue Hamlett. Those others on this year's council include parent representatives Andre Breivogel, Mary Lee Bertrand, Jeff Carmody (co-chair), and Patrick Decoteau (recorder).

Teacher representatives include Kathleen Connor, Gail Dion, Lisa Nettis, and Karen Shugrue. Carol Meagher fills the position as community representative and Principal Kevin Littlefield serves as council co-chair. The council meets the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Junior High School teacher's cafeteria.

Parents were reminded this year's **BOOK FAIR** will be held from **December 8th-12th**. Volunteers are needed from 10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on these days. Parents may sign up at the next meeting. If interested but cannot attend the meeting, you may contact Sue Hamlett at 786-6477 or Marc Costanzi at 821-0542.

Under new business, several committees were established. Those volunteering to serve on the *By-Laws Committee* include John Burns, Sue Hamlett, and Jan Lapins. On the *Nominating Committee* are Mary Lee Bertrand, Sue Hamlett, and Jan Lapins. On the *8th Grade Celebration Committee* are Andre Breivogel, Joyce Drenzek, Debra Hamel, Jan Lapins, Linda Montagna, Colleen Morton-Tourville, and Debbie Pelley.

Each of the committees will be meeting during the next scheduled PTO meeting to work on their respective charges for the 1997-98 school year. Parents interested in serving on any of the committees are strongly encouraged to attend the next PTO meeting.

The next regularly scheduled PTO meeting will be held on **Monday, November 17th**. PTO meetings take place in the Junior High School cafeteria and begin at **7:30 p.m.** All interested parents are invited to attend.

## Perry Lane School At Fini's Pumpkin Patch



**YOUNGSTERS AND THEIR ADULT** chaperones recently took a field trip to Fini's Plant Farm in Feeding Hills to enjoy a spooky Halloween hayride. **IN PHOTO BELOW**, youngsters Mathew Stelma, Douglas Vye, Jessica Kierkla, and Kelsey Venne. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



## Sandcastle Day Care Heads For Fini's, Too!



**SANDSCASTLE DAY CARE** in Feeding Hills recently took a field trip to Fini's Plant Farm to enjoy the Halloween hayride. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## Pennies For The Playscape...



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## Fire Dept. Visit Sandcastle Day Care



THE CHILDREN AT SANDCASTLE DAY CARE would like to thank the Agawam Firemen for taking the time out of their busy day to visit them. The children enjoyed being able to try on some of the equipment, with the assistance of Fireman Ken Avondo (standing) and Firemen Don Savaria, Karl Schmaelzle, and Robert Briggs. Some of the children were able to hold the fire hose as well.

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## Guidance Column...

by Paul C. Cavallo  
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### Begin College Applications

With the first marking period having come to an end, seniors should begin the college application process as outlined in their *Senior Handbook*. Since this involves a great deal of preparation and organization on the students' and parents' part, I am including in this article, information about the **College Application Procedure** and **Official Transcript**.

If there are questions about any of this information, you and your child should consult his/her guidance counselor.

#### COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. Obtain applications either from the colleges or from the guidance office. The guidance office has applications for all the state colleges and many other colleges in the Northeast.

2. Complete the application. Neatness is very important. We strongly recommend that you type it or print using black ink. The appearance of your application definitely makes a difference.

3. Photostat the application and the required check for your records.

4. Give the guidance counselor the completed application, the check for the application fee, the counselor's recommendation form if there is one, and a **stamped, addressed envelop**. (Most applications require two stamps.) **Submit all applications including requests for recommendations before Christmas vacation.**

5. If you are requesting a recommendation from a teacher, give the appropriate section of the application or a request for a recommendation to the teacher along with a stamped, addressed envelope. Give the teacher at least two weeks to complete the recommendation before it is due.

6. **Watch deadlines!** Remember, we would like the applications and requests for counselor recommendations in the guidance office before Christmas vacation.

#### OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS

A transcript is a record of the student's courses, grades, class rank, test scores, and cumulative grade point average from grades nine through 12. An official transcript is one which has been signed by the counselor and has the official school seal stamped on it. **An official transcript must be mailed directly from Agawam High School to the party who is requesting it (a college admissions office, financial aid office, scholarship, etc.).** It cannot be given to a third party such as the student or parent.

**Important Dates to Remember:**

**Financial Aid Night:** Thursday, December 8, 1997, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

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**"JENN"**  
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## Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

**Monday, November 17th:** Steamed frankfort in roll, oven-baked beans, potato puffs with catsup, chilled pineapple tidbits, milk.

**Tuesday, November 18th:** Hamburg in roll, steamed rice, seasoned niblet corn, fresh fruit or peanut butter bar, milk.

**Wednesday, November 19th:** Pepperoni pizza, tossed garden salad with creamy Italian dressing, fresh fruit, milk.

**Thursday, November 20th:** Taco boat with cheese topping, seasoned broccoli and macaroni mix, chilled diced pears or jello with topping, milk.

**Friday, November 21st:** Half tuna salad sandwich, half peanut butter sandwich, oven French fries with catsup, niblet corn, ice cream cup, milk.

### GUIDANCE - from Page 36..

**WWII Music Presentation:** AHS Cafeteria. Open to the public (free). November 19th, 7:00-10:00 p.m.

**WWII Victory Day Dance:** Live band. AHS Cafeteria. Open to the public (free). November 21st, 7:00-10:00 p.m.

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**College Representatives:** If you are interested in meeting with any of the following college representatives, you should sign up at least a day in advance in the guidance office. If you plan to attend a conference, pick up your pass in the guidance office the morning of the visit.

**November 17th:** Bay Path College, 8:30 a.m.

**November 19th:** Newbury College, 9:15 a.m.; Becker College, 10:00 a.m.

**Scholarships:** See your counselor for more information or an application.

**Valley Press Club Scholarship:** In June, the Valley Press Club will award four scholarships of \$1,000 each to students planning careers in journalism. The scholarships are available to high school seniors throughout Western Massachusetts and northern Connecticut who are planning to attend accredited institutions of higher education.

Primary emphasis will be placed on career goals, writing ability, and scholastic aptitude and achievement as measured by an applicant's high school transcript, rank in class, academic awards, SAT scores, and extracurricular activities. Emphasis will be given to any experience in the field, including work on a school newspaper or yearbook. **Deadline:** April 1, 1998.

**Boston University Trustee Scholarship:** Open to students in the top five percent of the class, with SAT scores of at least 1400 who plan to attend Boston University. In addition, a record of leadership or distinctive contributions to the high school or community at large is required. See your counselor by December 1st for more information.

**St. John Fisher Service Scholarship Program:** Open to seniors who plan to attend St. John Fisher and who have performed community service.

**Colby College Ralph Bunch Scholarship:** Open to students of color who plan to attend Colby.



**AGAWAM JUNIOR WOMEN'S Club member Ann Woodard (center) presents a check for \$1,000 from the club to Agawam Playscape Committee members Melanie Sapelli (left) and Amanda Mattarazzo.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Junior Women's Club Donates To Playscapes

The Agawam Junior Women's Club has donated \$1,000 to the Agawam Elementary Playscape Committee (AEPC), formed to fund playscapes for the four elementary schools in Agawam. The committee consists of members of the four elementary school PTO's and has raised almost \$33,000 to date, including the Junior Women's Club donation.

Each year, the Junior Women's Club tries to make one large donation for a worthwhile cause within our community, reaching as many people as possible. This is in addition to the many services and smaller donations made by the club throughout the year.

This year, the club decided new playscapes for the elementary schools are very much needed and will serve many children within our community.

AEPC is coming closer to their goal of raising \$40,000 which, along with the town's matching funding of \$2 for every \$1 raised, will reach the \$120,000 needed to acquire the playscapes for the four schools.

The committee hopes to reach the goal with their next fundraiser, a **Product and Service Auction**, to be held Saturday, November 22nd, at Oak Ridge Country Club, with a preview at 5:00 p.m. and the auction at 6:00 p.m. Admission will be free, snacks will be served, and a cash bar will be available.

Please come and help make our dream a reality!

## Area Students Recognized At HCC Honors Convocation

A total of 109 students were recently recognized for outstanding academic achievement at Holyoke Community College's Fall Honors Convocation.

Students must have completed 30 or more semester hours and maintained a 3.5 GPA to be honored at this event. Students were also selected for the Phi Theta Kappa national honor society.

Among the honored members of the student body were the following area residents:

**\* From Agawam:**

John A. Krawiec and Barbara C. Young.

**\* From Feeding Hills:**

Lynda K. Durand-Reid and Theresa A. Ogorzalek.

## St. Mary's High Invites Prospective Students To Open House

The faculty and staff of St. Mary's High School, 27 Bartlett St., Westfield, invite prospective students and their families to an Open House at the school on Wednesday evening, November 19th from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

According to the school's principal, Mrs. Concetta Lane, the Open House will include tours of the classrooms, science and computer labs, and the library. Students and their families will have an opportunity to speak with faculty, administrators, students, and the parents of current students. Staff will be on hand to answer financial aid questions as well.

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**MEMBERS OF BOY SCOUT TROOP 78** of the Springfield Turnverein have participated in an "Adopt-A-Highway" program along a two-mile section of Main Street in Agawam, from Town Hall past St. John's Church.

## Boy Scout Troop 78 Continues To Be Busy During Fall Season

Boys Scout Troop 78 of the Springfield Turnverein in Agawam continues to be very active during the fall season. They are members of the state sponsored Adopt-A-Highway program and maintain a two-mile section of Main St. in Agawam, from the Town Hall past St. John's Church.

The Troop cleans the area along the highway once a month from April to November and anyone wishing to help is welcome. The next cleanup is scheduled for November 15th and Troop members will meet at the Middle School on Main St. at 8:30 a.m.

The Troop hiked the Robert Frost Trail near the North in South Hadley in September and completed a hike/campout to Mount Greylock on Columbus Day weekend. They also recently completed a successful candy sale and would like to thank the Food Mart, Geissler's Market, and Stop & Shop (and their patrons) for their cooperation and assistance.

A member of Troop 78, Jason Prescott, recently worked on his Eagle rank project with the assistance of the boys in the Troop. The project activity took place at Watson Park in Blandford, where they built picnic tables and repaired and built fireplaces as part of the Community Park refurbishment.

Boy Scout Troop 78 meets at the Springfield Turnverein on Garden Street in Agawam at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday nights. If interested in joining, call Ray at 789-0097 or drop in any Tuesday night.

## Jr. Stamp Club Begins Second Year As Membership Grows

The Agawam Junior Stamp Club is beginning its second year. It began out of the interest shown by Granger School students during their "What is a Million?" project.

Stamp club members meet monthly with a teacher sponsor and a parent stamp collector leader. Current members include students from third grade through junior high school.

Stamp activities are planned to help the students learn about stamps and collecting. There is also a time for sharing, trading, and acquiring new stamps.

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**MEMBERS OF THE GRANGER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Stamp Club** recently gathered to share some of their collections. **IN TOP PHOTO**, from left - Joe B'Shara, Ryan Smith, Deborah Smith, and Kimberly Smith; **PHOTO BELOW** - Michael Blanchard, Bonnie Moccio, Samuel Mancini, Glen Lafontaine, Lindsay Pafumi, and Lindsie Lavin. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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## Sports

# Lindsey Hadden 'Going For It' When Brownies Gymnasts Take On WMass

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Agawam High School's Lindsey Hadden is one of the best schoolgirl gymnasts in Western Mass. Just a 16 year-old junior, she has been active in the sport since she was five. Recently, she took some time out to talk about herself and her craft.

She has been at AHS for three years. Her curriculum this year includes history, chemistry, English, psychology, a pottery class, and gym. Of the bunch, English and psych are her favorites.

Her top teachers are Margo Poulin (English), Edward Merrill (psychology), and Larry Sheehan (history).

With early admissions being attractive these days, juniors have already started looking around for a favorite college. Lindsey thinks the University of New Hampshire might be right for her. "I'm interested in them because they have a very good gymnastics program," she smiled. But, of course, her options remain open.

Besides gymnastics, Lindsey also participates in track. Her specialties include the discus, shot-put, and pole vault. Her throw of 96-feet, 10-inches in last spring's Western Mass. Division I Meet grabbed third overall in the discus. She finished sixth in the shot-put.



**BROWNIE SENIOR JESSICA HANSEN** is another reason why the locals have been so strong this fall. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

But her favorite sport is gymnastics. To that end, she trains extensively at Tim Daggett Gold Medal Gymnastics.

Her most memorable sports moment came last season when the Brownies beat powerful Minnechaug Regional for the league championship. "I also won the all-around in that meet. It was a great time for the team and for me," she noted.

As for the current season, she had this observation. "We have only one loss (to Pittsfield) in nine matches. I think we will be in good shape for the PVIAC's this Friday (November 14th) at Chicopee Comp."

### Surgery A Future Possibility

Lindsey has been competing in pain since she injured a knee in the opening meet against Gateway. There is some cartilage damage and it is heavily braced. She has really been limited to the bars (in which she dominates) since that day. "I don't have to use my legs," she says. She'll tackle the beam on occasion. Hopefully, according to her, it will all get done Friday night: bars, beam, vault, and floor. "I think I'll be ready for the challenge. My doctor says I can go for it," she noted. After the season, though, she might have to undergo arthroscopic surgery.

Lindsey's favorite food is cheese pizza.

Green is her favorite color.

Her top set of wheels would be a Jeep Wrangler.

Olympic gymnast Dominique Dawes is her favorite athlete. "She can do everything and she is about my size," Lindsey laughed.

She favors casual wear; jeans and sweatshirts with logos on them.

She likes rock music of any kind.

"Saturday Night Live" is her top tube offering.

"I just think it is so funny," she said.

On the big screen, it's a Johnny Depp flick; "What's Eating Gilbert Grape?"

She says her sister, Shauna (AHS field hockey) is the person she looks up to.



**LINDSEY HADDEN** is one of the best female gymnasts in Western Mass. this year. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

Though Lindsey still has a way to go, she hopes when her days at Agawam High School are done, people will remember her as a really nice person who tried to do things for people, a hard worker, and a good athlete.

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# Panthers Pounce On AHS Football, 34-8

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

When you are sinking in quicksand, what difference does it make if someone heaves another bucket of sand your way? You got that feeling last Saturday afternoon at Cathedral High School. The Agawam High football team had come to call. The Brownies were reeling, walking on their heels, the owners of a three-game losing streak and coming off a 47-0 loss to top-ranked Central High.

Last season, Cathedral was a miserable team, going 1-8. Agawam had handled them, 29-18 at Harmon Smith Field. This time around, however, the Panthers, because of their rebuilding year in 1996, were 4-3 and going strong. They beat up the Brownies, 34-6.

The story, though, is it took Agawam a good two days to vanish from sight. You see, last Saturday was one created for ducks, largemouth bass, or even Noah's Ark. The cold rain screamed from the sky. Cathedral's field is so bad that the dew in the morning turns it into a quagmire. No one wanted to be there. With 4:47 left in the first half and the Panthers up 21-0, lightning flashed. Thunder growled.

The officials, with a sigh of relief I would think, sent everyone to the showers. (The ones inside, not outside.)

They all came back Monday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. "I never understood why they did that," Agawam Coach Dean Vecchiarelli said. "We could have resumed everything on the Saturday in the break before our Thanksgiving day games. They say, 'Oh, no, you can't do that.' I never got a reason why we couldn't do that."

#### A Mite Surreal

So, Agawam went back. It was strange. Everyone who had been there on Saturday, who hadn't drowned, knew the score; 21-0, Panthers. They would start on the Agawam 28 with 4:47 left

in the half. But for the faithful who came back, it was a mite surreal - starting out on a new day, spotting the opposition a 21-point advantage.

The Panthers drove it in on a five-play (2:10) drive to make it 27-0.

The Brownies could do nothing on their next possession. Neither could the Panthers. On first and 10 from their own 43, they coughed it up. Jason Daigneau pounced on the ball. It was a wild ride that saw the Brownies with a first and 10 at Cathedral's 22. However, an Agawam penalty brought it back to the 35.

The Brownies had a chance then. On fourth and 12, quarterback Brian St. Jean (6-19, 68 yards, 1 Int.) dropped and threw a strike to junior wide-out Eric Melbourne at the Panther's 20. It was three yards more than they needed for the first down. Melbourne (2-20), who usually hangs onto balls like flypaper catches flies, couldn't handle this one, which bounced on and off his chest.

The half ended with Agawam on defense. Brian St. Jean ended a Cathedral threat by picking a pass at the Brownies' 11. It was 27-0, Panthers.

#### Two Good Chances

Agawam had two good chances to put up some numbers once the second half dawned on this dry afternoon. After a Panther score to make it 34-0, they took the ball on their own 36. The drive, which covered 51 yards on seven plays, was killed by a Cathedral interception at the Panther four-yard line.

As it was winding down, some Brownies were picking it up. Daigneau, a sophomore, and Eric Pederson, another sophomore, were playing over their young heads on defense. Both had a half sack. Senior defensive tackle Ryan Wilson mauled a Panther punt attempt. Agawam had the ball, with six minutes left, at the Cathedral 34. St. Jean,

with a notion to pass, ran for 12 to the 22. On the next play, he and Gallagher botched the handoff. Cathedral got it back on its own 25.

By now, the Brownie defense was snorting blood. Cathedral punted from its own 25. Daigneau got it back to the Panther 39. Gallagher got 16. Two Brownie penalties brought the ball back to Cathedral's 35.

St. Jean hit Melbourne on two air strikes. One was a square out on the left for eight yards to the Cathedral 27. Then, he and Melbourne connected on a classic left to right look-in. It was fast and surgical. Melbourne, who is 6-2 and 180 pounds, got the ball at the Panther 27. He went 30 yards east to west, shedding the Cathedral tacklers before he headed upfield for a 20-yard gain. They finally got him down at the seven-yard line.

#### Lone Touchdown

Gallagher (13-40, 1 TD), after a six-yard gain, scored the lone Brownie TD from one yard out at 1:16. The six-play drive covered 39 yards in one minute, forty-four seconds.

The Brownies fell to 2-6 (2-3, AA). They will host Chicopee Comp Friday night.

**BROWNIE NOTES:** The quarterback for Cathedral was Mike Martin, Jr. of Feeding Hills. He is the son of former Agawam varsity basketball Coach Mike Martin. Young Mike was a rising football star and a 3-sport athlete at AHS before his dad was fired as the hoop mentor, following an alleged incident with one of his players in the 1995 season. So, Mike Jr. joined the Panthers and loss was a big Panther gain. Mike is considered one of that school's top athletes on the rise. Also playing well for CHS was running back Mike Buoniconti, another Agawam resident, and two more two residents who opted for CHS rather than AHS, Will Torres and Vinny Buoniconti. No doubt all are huge gifts to CHS.

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## Road-Weary AHS Returns To Town To Face Comp

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

Finally, after four straight road games and four straight losses, the Agawam High football Brownies will be at home this Friday night, November 14th. The visitor will be Chicopee Comp. Last year, the Colts were one of Agawam's late season victims (31-8) as the Brownies won five of their last six to finish at 5-5. Comp, which had only lost one game to that point, ended up 8-3. The Brownies had burst their bubble.

The Colts come into this one at 6-2 and 3-1 in the AA Conference. Since their opening day loss to Bartlett of Central Massachusetts, they had won six straight before Holyoke dropped them last weekend, 37-12.

Agawam will have to deal with some big Comp weapons in this one. "They run a multiple offense, an I, power I, single backs, pro set," Agawam Coach Dean Vecchiarelli noted.

Out of that offense will come the likes of All-Western Mass. quarterback Bill Pagel. The 6-foot, 180-pound senior can throw the ball. He has four TD passes and has run it in five times. He will be complemented by sophomore running back Darion Stanley (5'9", 165). The kid has 10 TDs so far this season. They include one on a 45-yard fumble recovery against Mahar, and a 61-yard streak last week against Cathedral. He has over 600 yards in eight games. "He is very good. We'll have to find a game plan to shut him down," Vecchiarelli added. Comp averages 21.1 points a game.

One thing that may help the Brownies is that while diversified, the Comp offense has turned the ball over 11 times this year, mostly on fumbles. Turnovers usually occur when you can do many things.

The Colt defense is pretty straightforward, a 5-2 or 4-3. But they fill the gaps and pursue well, giving up only 16 points per game. Before Holyoke, it had been 10.7.

### Locals Need To Tighten Up Defense

To beat Comp, Agawam will have to tighten up their defense (25.6 ppg). Run blitzes haven't worked well for AHS; neither have pass blitzes. The Brownie defensive line will have to penetrate and leave the linebackers free of the blitz responsibility. They'll have their hands full trying to figure out what Pagel is going to do.

Receivers Kevin Vaughn (3 TDs), Chris Arsenault (1 TD), Seth Tellier (1 TD), and halfback Chris Blanchard (1 TD) aren't necessarily fast or big. But Pagel, on play action, can find them. That means the Agawam defensive backs will have to resist the temptation to buy what the Colt offense might seem to be selling.

The Brownie offense (16.2 ppg) has basically one main weapon; junior tailback Brian Gallagher. The big horse (6'1", 220) has run for 795 yards on 181 carries (4.4 ypc) and 10 TDs. His offensive line has provided some holes. They'll have to provide a lot more for the Brownies to succeed against the Colts. Because, in the last two contests, against Central and Cathedral, he had only 53 and 40 yards, respectively (1 TD).

All season long, the short zone has been open to the Agawam passing game. They have gone to it. But when you are down big time, the instinct is to go long, time and again. Sophomore quarterback Brian St. Jean (59-152, 942 yards, 5 TDs) has 13 interceptions in eight games. He has a strong arm. But Comp can be beaten underneath, according to Vecchiarelli.

Agawam, after their 34-6 loss to Cathedral, will have the home crowd behind them. They will come in at 2-6 and 2-3 in the AA Conference. A win, which is very possible, will set up their big Turkey Day battle against West Springfield. It is an added incentive for this one to go into the West Side classic with added momentum.

## Frosh Football Ice Panthers, 22-0



IN TOP PHOTO, members of the 6-1 Agawam High School freshman football team take time out for a photo. IN PHOTO LEFT, Brownie Coaches Bill Moore, Dean Vecchiarelli, Dan Pryce, and Curt Boyle are hoping to end the 1997 football season with victories over Chicopee Comp (Friday night, November 14th, at Harmon Smith Field), and against arch-rival West Side on Thanksgiving morning. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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## AHS Freshman Football Now At 6-1

### Freshman Football vs. Cathedral

The Agawam freshman football team beat the young Panthers last Friday afternoon, 22-0 at the Phelps School.

Jeff Robinson started at quarterback, replacing Joe Kancour, who was out with a broken finger. Robinson played well.

On defense, Lou Conte, Jr., son of varsity girls' basketball Coach Lou Conte, Sr., also had a good day.

The freshmen are now 6-1.

### JV Football vs. Cathedral

Because of the Monday varsity game, the JV's didn't play the Cathedral JV's. This did not sit well with the Brownie coaches.

Both Vecchiarelli and freshman Coach Kirk Parker noted that, in a rebuilding year, the JV's need all the experience they can get. Even a loss of one game on the schedule hurts their development.

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# Northrup Says '97 Team Showed Consistency

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

The Agawam High boys' soccer team had a goal this season — to get back to Snot Park in Chicopee. They'd been there last year in the finals of the Western Mass. Division I tournament. Their loss to Cathedral, notwithstanding, it had been a heady time; one worth repeating. Their 1-0 loss to Central in the first round of the playoffs a week ago, drenched that dream.

They did end up winning the Churchill-Moriarty Division for the second straight year with an 8-1-3 record. Their overall season slate was 9-6-4.

They'll lose nine seniors, among them All-Western Mass. keeper Bryan O'Quinn, midfielder Jan Hanscom, plus defensive specialists Jack Bisco and Jay Murphy.

Will the loss hurt? Coach Dwight Northrup doesn't think it will be fatal. "We lost a lot of good players last year (All-Western Mass. sweeper Chris Bitzas and second team All-Western Mass. players Nick Dion, Jason Jean, and Todd Jorgensen) and still did okay," he noted. Then he added, "Everyone in this program is on the same page, at every level."

It was a reference to the junior varsity and freshman teams, coached by Glenn Olson and Al O'Quinn, respectively. Both are talented teachers of the game and continually send well-schooled players to the next level.

The varsity, under Northrup, has always

depended on speed and defense. In 19 games, they allowed 21 to hit the back of the net, for a 1.1 goals against average.

The Brownies didn't score as many goals as some of the other playoff teams — 29 (1.6 GF). But they spread it around. Twelve out of the 18-man roster had at least one goal. The six who didn't score were the defensive specialists who were responsible for their stingy goals against average.

They didn't have anyone close to a scoring machine, like the girls' varsity Kristen Patterson (30 goals). Junior Dave Thomas led the way with six. "We spread it around," the coach said. "If you have a go to person, sometimes they can shut that player down and then you are in trouble if no one takes up the slack."

## The Importance Of "Assists"...

Something that is often forgotten by the fans, but not the coaches, is assists. In soccer, it is hard enough to score a goal. Finding and getting the ball to the scorer is an art form in itself. Sophomore midfielder Joe DiVirgilio had nine. Ten of the 18 players had at least one assist.

When asked who was his favorite player on the 1997 squad, the coach paused, smiled, then quoted from the scriptures: "A mother of many children was asked who was her favorite child? She answered, 'The one I'm with at the moment.'"

The legacy of the 1997 boys' soccer team will

always be their consistency. Rarely were they out of any game, winning many and forcing a tie by a single goal. Their longest winning streak was three (1-0 over Minnechaug, 2-0 against Chicopee, and 3-0 at Holyoke from September 18th to the 24th). Twice they experienced a two-game losing streak (September 12th, 4-2 with Central, and September 16th, 3-1 at West Side; also, September 30th, 2-1 versus Chicopee, and October 2nd, 1-0 against Cathedral).

That one-goal margin was never more evident in their last six games of the regular season. After a 2-1 loss to Western Mass. finalist Ludlow on Wednesday, Oct. 8th, they ran the table, winning three and tying three. The margin in the unbeaten string was but a single goal.

## FINAL SEASON STATS:

Thomas — 6 goals, 1 assist; Hanscom — 3 goals, 2 assists; Santaniello — 3 goals, 2 assists; Federico — 3 goals, 1 assist; Moore — 2 goals, 2 assists; O'Quinn — 2 goals, 3 assists; Ward — 2 goals, 1 assist; Machos — 2 goals; Balbony — 2 goals; Murphy — 1 goal, 3 assists; Bitzas — 1 goal; Bisco — 1 goal; DiVirgilio — 9 assists.

The Brownies scored 29 goals in 19 games for a 1.6 goals a game average. One of their scores, against Chicopee, was an "own goal." They allowed 21 for a 1.1 goals against average.

## With Patterson & Other Strong Seniors Graduating, Murray Says There's Still Plenty Of Talent Left

by Dave Rollins  
Sports Editor

The Agawam High girls' soccer team ended up 10-7-2 for the season. One of those losses came in the first round of the Western Mass. playoffs, 5-4 against Pittsfield. It was tough for Brownie Coach Mary Murray to swallow because they had beaten the Generals, 3-1, less than a week before that. Both games had been at Harmon Smith Field.

She shook her head. "I don't know. Sometimes, at this level, you just really don't know." Then she looked back on the year just passed. (You couldn't help but know, she had a certain amount of pride in the fact that the Cathedral girls, whom she had coached for years, won another Western Mass. crown, 3-1 over Ludlow.) "Yeah, I was at that game. But Agawam girls' soccer is my love now. This was a special team," she said.

Indeed it was. "I really enjoyed my seniors. I'll lose nine of them," she said.

They were all good. But All-American candidate Kristin Patterson's departure will hurt the most, and not just because she scored 30 goals and turned in nine assists, according to Murray. "I will never forget how tough she was. In my three years

here, coaching her as a sophomore, junior, and senior, she never missed a game."

She couldn't answer the question whether a coach had an influence on a great player. But she did address the others. "You can't replace Amy Mastroianni or Aimee Loudfoot. Halfback Amber Conte (1 goal, 7 assists) was another tough soccer player. And she was so athletic. She got the job done because of that. Jill DeMarco was a leader on defense, as was Vanessa Galluzzo. Jean Quigley was an excellent keeper."

## Murray Has Two Takes On The Season...

Murray has two takes on the season. First, she said, "We got better." Second — "I loved my seniors. But the underclassmen are so talented. They worked so hard. They are the future and it looks very good."

Then she noted the great turning point in this season. On October 23rd, they lost a game at Minnechaug, 3-2, on a Vanessa Galluzzo missed penalty kick. "I would do it again," Murray said. She also told her devastated team when it was over, "We will see them again at our place."

Indeed they did, winning 3-2. "Minnechaug didn't even make the playoffs," Murray said. That win, however, put the Brownies into post-season action.

It is over now. Murray, considered one of the best in Western Massachusetts, will not coach again until schoolgirl soccer returns next fall.

## FINAL SEASON STATS:

The Agawam High girls' soccer team finished at 10-7-2 (final record) and 3-2-1 in the Kurty Division. Their final season point totals looked like this:

Patterson — 30 goals, 9 assists; Maloni — 11 goals, 4 assists; Mastroianni — 5 goals, 8 assists; A. Loudfoot — 5 goals; G. Loudfoot — 3 goals, 4 assists; DeMarco — 3 goals, 3 assists; Tilden — 2 goals, 1 assist; A. Conte — 1 goal, 7 assists; Lyman — 1 goal, 3 assists; Arcangeletti — 1 goal, 1 assist; Ringvold — 1 goal, 1 assist; DiStefano — 5 assists; Galluzzo — 3 assists; Benton — 2 assists.

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The wet forest floor and windy conditions every weekend allow the deer to move by silently, giving little advance warning of their presence.

Coon hunters are having some good runs with the hounds this season. Several friends with hound packs are keeping busy with their nighttime pursuits. Old Blue has been getting a workout in the valley cornfields. The raccoon population is increasing after being devastated by the rabies epidemic.

Overpopulation by raccoons gave the rabies outbreak a running start, and the population was thinned substantially. This does not mean that the epidemic is over. Caution is still very much called for when handling raccoons, either dead or alive.

Owners of hunting dogs should not let down their guard when it comes to rabies. Even the house dogs need to be vaccinated against this disease. Even if you pet never goes beyond the back yard, the danger of exposure to infected wildlife continues.

### FISH REPORT FRESH WATER

Large yellow perch and crappies are schooling up in the Connecticut River. Look for them around the mouth of the Agawam and Connecticut River. Try using small maribou jigs tipped with a pin head shiner. Early morning seems best, but dress warm!

Congamond Lakes continue to provide action on trout and bass. The cool water temperatures dictate a slow presentation for the bass.

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**MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM SOCCER ASSOCIATION'S U-12 boys' Pioneer Valley soccer team, "The Hawks," at the Columbus Day Tournament. Back row, from left - Coach Steve Gonyea, Kevin Foley, Sam Young, Santino Alfano, Casey Federico, Chris Holl, Nick Liquori, and Rich Gonyea. Front row - Neil Donah, Joe McGeoghan, Brenton Reveruzzi, Alex Seymour, Jason Quigley, Nick Gumlaw, Paul Suroweic, and Judy Gonyea. Missing - Coach Nick Alfano and Mike Alfano.**

## Agawam U-12 Hawks End Season In Third Place At 8-2-4

The Agawam Hawks, BU-12 PVJSL, have brought another soccer season to an end. The boys finished with an 8-2-4 record, in third place.

In their post-season tournament, they defeated second-place Ludlow, 2-0, with a great team effort. This would have them facing long-time rival Cold Spring for the first-place position.

Unfortunately, the weather was against all of the playoff participants, and the final game was cancelled. During their season, the Hawks scored 34 goals and allowed only seven.

At the Columbus Day Tournament in Windsor, Connecticut, the always hard-charging ASA

Hawks had a first-place finish courtesy of their 4-1-0 record, with 11 goals scored and five goals allowed. Agawam faced its toughest competition at this tournament, in a game against a select Danbury team, when the Hawks came back from a 2-0 deficit to win 4-3.

As always, the coaching staff wishes to thank the boys and their families for their continued commitment and support.

## Upcoming Events Announced By AHS Athletic Dir.

The Thanksgiving Day game is **HOME** this year at 10:00 a.m.

Pre-game ticket sales will run from **NOVEMBER 17, 1997 to NOVEMBER 25, 1997** from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon (AHS lunch time), and from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

All sales will take place in the **Athletic Director's Office**. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

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Winter Physical Examinations will be held on **November 21st**, with make-ups on **November 24th**.

A signed M.I.A.A. Physical Examination Form must accompany the student-athlete at this exam. Forms are available in the Nurse's Office and the Main Office of the High School.

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Agawam High School's Winter Athletic Season will begin on **December 1st**.

## Sign-Ups For Ag. Wrestling Club

Forms for the Agawam Wrestling Club are available in the Agawam Parks & Recreation Office between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

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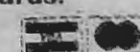
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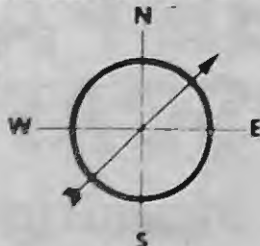
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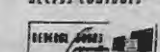
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